

Secretary of the State to resign

Denise Merrill will resign as Connecticut Secretary of the State on Thursday, six months before her third term ends. She told The AP she is resigning to spend more time with her husband, who is facing serious health problems. **Story, Page 2**



Trailer tragedy in Texas

Fifty-one migrants found dead in tractor-trailer after being abandoned. **News, Page 4**

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## ‘Safe harbor’ law for abortions starts Friday

Out-of-state patients will have access in Connecticut; ‘our phones are ringing off the hook’

By Alison Cross  
Hartford Courant

Connecticut organizations, health clinics and residents are seeking ways to help abortion “refugees” in the health care exodus that is expected following the Supreme Court’s decision Friday to overturn of Roe v. Wade. In the post-Roe fallout, eight states have banned abortion, and 10 have bans or severe restrictions on abortion that will start soon. Additionally, the right to a legal abortion is under threat in as many as 12 more states,

some speculate. In all, these 30 states account for 60% of the nation’s women of childbearing age. On Friday, Connecticut’s “safe harbor” law goes into effect, providing protections for out-of-state abortion seekers and providers from lawsuits in their home states. Elizabeth Barnes, president of The Women’s Centers, a group of independent abortion providers with five locations in four states, said that even before the Supreme Court decision, women seeking abortions were already traveling to their Hartford

office. After the abolishment of Roe, she said, the out-of-state population undertaking the “epic refugee journey” for reproductive health care in Connecticut will only grow larger. “Right after SB 8 passed in Texas, we saw back-to-back patients fly in to Connecticut from Texas for their abortions. So that is only increasing,” Barnes said. “Our procedure schedules are already booked for this week and our phone lines are ringing off the hook.” Jessica Puk is the co-founder and board president of the nascent Reproduc-

tive Equity, Access and Choice Fund of Connecticut, the only abortion fund operating in Connecticut. REACH launched its first fundraising campaign on June 15, with a goal of raising \$50,000 to provide monthly block grants to Connecticut abortion clinics to help cover the costs of abortion for in-state and out-of-state patients. “Minutes after the ruling was released, the donations started pouring in. We raised about \$8,000 that Friday. Right now we’re

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## Aide has jarring testimony on Jan. 6

Details Trump’s rage, bid to go to Capitol, join armed marchers

By Mary Clare Jalonick,  
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and Eric Tucker  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump dismissed the presence of armed protesters headed to the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and even endorsed their calls to “hang Mike Pence,” a key former White House aide told House investigators Tuesday, describing chaotic scenes inside and outside the executive mansion as Trump argued to accompany his supporters.

Trump was informed that some of the protesters in the crowd outside the White House had weapons, but he told officials to “let my people in” and march to the U.S. Capitol, testified Cassidy Hutchinson, who was a special assistant to former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Hutchinson depicted a president flailing in anger and prone to violent outbursts as the window to overturn his election loss closed and as aides sought to rein in his impulses. Told by security officials that it wasn’t safe to go to the Capitol after he addressed his supporters, he lunged toward the steering wheel of the presidential limousine as he was being driven back to the White House. Hutchinson said she was told of the altercation in the armored vehicle dubbed “The Beast” by Meadows’ deputy shortly after it happened.

It wasn’t clear what Trump would have done at the Capitol as a violent mob of his supporters was breaking in. But there were conversations about him “going into the House chamber at one point,” Hutchinson said.

As his supporters laid siege to Congress, both Trump and Meadows appeared unconcerned about cries in the crowd to “hang Mike Pence!” The president tweeted during the attack that the then-vice president didn’t have the “courage” to object to President-elect Joe Biden’s victory as he presided over the joint session of Congress that day.

Hutchinson quoted Meadows as saying that Trump “thinks Mike deserves it.”

And as for the rioters, Meadows said, “He doesn’t think they’re doing anything wrong.”

Hutchinson’s explosive testimony — featured in a surprise hearing announced Monday — came as the House committee investigating the Capitol insurrection holds a series of hearings to inform the public about what happened as Trump’s supporters beat police, broke in through windows and doors and interrupted the certification of Biden’s victory.

“As an American I was disgusted,” Hutchinson told the committee, reacting to Trump’s tweet about Pence. “It was unpatriotic, it was un-American, and you were watching the Capitol building get defaced over a lie.”

“I still struggle to work through the emotions of that,” she added.

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Moderator Bob Giles of First Congregational Church in Granby said that in the 1990s the entire church was renovated to look more like it did in the 1800s. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

## Two Granby churches reunite after 150 years

Congregations did it in a ‘very careful, thoughtful and strategic way’



Moderator Becky Sielman of South Congregational Church in Granby said she is positive about the decision to combine the First Church and South Church congregations.

By Alison Cross  
Hartford Courant

GRANBY — After 150 years of separation, two congregations in Granby are coming back together to counter diminishing church attendance and financial resources in Connecticut’s changing religious landscape. The parishioners of First Congregational Church and South Congregational Church in Granby are careful not to refer to their move as a merger. They call it a reunion. About 100 First Church members and 150 South Church members voted last month to form a new United Church of Christ congregation. This resolution has been discussed for nearly five years after both churches experienced a declining number of Sunday worshippers. Bob Giles has been a member of First Church for more than 40 years and serves as the congregation’s moderator.

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## RuPaul book pulled from Colchester library display

First selectman fields complaint from parent

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

The Colchester public library has temporarily pulled

a children’s biography about LBTQIA+ icon, entertainer and drag queen RuPaul from a display after First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos said a parent complained the book contains sexual imagery that is inappropriate for young readers. The biography, which was

part of a Pride display at the library for the month of June, contains an illustration of a cosmetic advertisement RuPaul was featured in decades ago in which women dressed in bustiers and thigh high boots spell out the word “VIVA,” according to Cragin Memorial Library

Director Kate Byroade, who is speaking out against the first selectman’s quick decision. Byroade said she was called to a meeting with Bisbikos Monday and told that one parent complained about the

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### Stanley Black & Decker exits energy sector

Stanley Black & Decker Inc. announced Tuesday the sale of its Stanley Oil & Gas segment, exiting the volatile energy sector as it continues to streamline its business. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Lamont: Secretary of the State Merrill to resign Thursday

Courant staff report

Gov. Ned Lamont said in an email that Secretary of the State Denise Merrill has announced that she intends to resign from her elected office effective at noon Thursday.

“Denise Merrill is a dear friend to me, and her exit from public service is a tremendous loss for the people of Connecticut,” Lamont said in his statement.

Merrill will leave office six months before her third term ends, telling The Associated Press she is resigning Thursday, effective at noon, to spend more time with her husband, who is facing seri-

ous health problems.

The veteran Democrat, who was first elected as the state’s top elections official in 2010 after serving 17 years in the Connecticut General Assembly, said that it was a hard decision, considering this is an election year, and that she feels responsible for making sure it runs smoothly.

However, Merrill, 73, said she can no longer juggle the job and helping care for her husband.

“It’s too much for me. I can’t do both, and I have to be at home,” she said during an interview Tuesday in her office, where she was packing up old photos of her days in the legislature.

“I don’t have full-time caretakers, and it wouldn’t work, anyway. He’s very dependent on me, and I’m dependent on him in a lot of ways.”

Merrill’s husband, Dr. Stephen Leach, 78, has been living with Parkinson’s disease for years and has been dealing with various health setbacks more recently, she said.

The two, who live in Storrs, have been a couple for about two decades. Merrill recalled Tuesday how her husband would patiently sit in the gallery of the House of Representatives until late into the night when she was a state representative, waiting to drive her home after debate

would finally wrap up.

“He was such a supporter,” she said. “The least I can do is support him back. That’s how I feel about it.”

Merrill announced about a year ago that she would not be seeking a fourth term, saying it was time for a “new generation” to “step up” with new ideas on how to further modernize voting and protect voters’ rights. But since then, she’s been grappling with how to finish out her term, given her husband’s changing medical condition.

“I’ve been thinking about this for months and trying to figure out if I can manage it,” said Merrill, who has spoken multiple times with Lamont

about her family’s situation.

Merrill plans to make a public announcement about her resignation Wednesday. It will then be up to Lamont, who faces reelection in November, to select her replacement.

While Scott Bates currently serves as deputy secretary of the state, a job he has held since January 2017, there is no requirement that Lamont choose him. Bates, a former senior adviser with a nongovernmental organization that works on political party development and good governance issues worldwide, is also a former chair of the Connecticut Port Authority.

“I’m sure that whoever the governor appoints, we’ll be in good hands,” Merrill said, noting that “elections are strong” in Connecticut.

She listed the numerous initiatives her office and the General Assembly have taken over over the years to beef up digital security, train and certify local election officials, fully staff the office, and take steps to make it easier for people to vote, including the implementation of online voter registration, Election Day registration, automatic voter registration through the motor vehicles department, dropboxes for absentee ballots, and a ballot tracking system.

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Hutchinson quoted Trump as directing his staff, in profane terms, to take away the metal-detecting magnetometers that he thought would slow down supporters who’d gathered in Washington. In videotaped testimony played before the committee, she recalled the former president saying words to the effect of: “I don’t f-in’ care that they have weapons.”

“They’re not here to hurt me. Take the f-in’ mags away. Let my people in. They can march to the Capitol from here,” Hutchinson testified.

Before they left the Ellipse, where Trump had addressed them between the White House and the Washington Monument, she said, she received an angry call from House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, who had just heard the president say he was coming to the Capitol. “Don’t come up here,” McCarthy told her, before hanging up.

In the days before the attack, Hutchinson said that she was “scared, and nervous for what could happen” after conversations with Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Meadows and others.

Meadows told Hutchinson



Cassidy Hutchinson, former aide to Trump White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, testifies Tuesday. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

that “things might get real, real bad,” she said. But she described him as unconcerned as security officials told him about the people at Trump’s rally who had been stopped at the metal detectors with weapons — including people wearing armor and carrying semi-automatic firearms.

Giuliani told her it was going to be “a great day” and “we’re going to the Capitol.”

As a White House insider, she told stories of a raging president who was unable to acknowledge his defeat. At the beginning of December, Hutchinson said, she heard noise inside the White House around the time an Associated Press article was published in which then-Attorney General William Barr said the Justice Department had not found evidence of voter fraud that

could have affected the election outcome.

She said she entered a room and noticed ketchup dripping down a wall and a broken porcelain plate. The president, it turned out, had thrown his lunch in anger over the article and she was urged to steer clear of him.

Hutchinson had earlier provided a trove of information to congressional investigators and had sat for interviews behind closed doors. The committee called the surprise hearing this week after she agreed to give public testimony.

Lawmakers said last week that the two July hearings would focus on domestic extremists who breached the Capitol that day and on what Trump was doing as the violence unfolded.

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up to just over \$13,000,” Puk said. “People want to volunteer with us; people want to join our board; people are asking what they can do to help patients in Connecticut and patients out-of-state. So we’re currently trying to manage the influx of all of these requests and emails and donations. It’s been very busy, but it’s definitely exciting to see how many people are ready to step up.”

Abortion-rights advocates also have taken to social media to offer up their homes to women seeking legal abortions in their state. Some use code words to describe abortions such as “going camping” to protect women from being targeted by lawsuits.

Although well-intentioned, Puk said, this approach is not a best practice due to safety concerns.

“I would not suggest that people just post on social media and say a stranger can stay at their house. That’s not the right way to go about it. We need

to make sure that abortion patients are protected and safe,” Puk said.

In Connecticut, there are 15 abortion clinics, each providing medication abortions up to 11 weeks of pregnancy. Five locations also provide in-clinic abortion services.

The cost of a medication abortion through Connecticut’s Planned Parenthood ranges from \$576 to \$662. In-clinic abortion procedures start at \$613 for earlier pregnancies and go as high as \$996 for abortions performed 16 to 17 weeks of gestation.

With such high costs, Puk said, it is important to remember that abortion legality does not always equal access for people who cannot afford the cost.

“Access is still an issue, whether it’s legal on the books or not,” Puk said. “There’s a lot of different barriers to abortion access still in a state like Connecticut. Financial barriers are a major one and that’s the one that we are committed to addressing.”

Puk and Barnes said abortion-rights advocates can help by donating to local abortion funds and by voting.

“My number one thing would be, if you have the funds, donate funds. If you don’t, spread the word, talk about abortion, help destigmatize it, and keep the energy up because this is a marathon,” Puk said.

“The government and politicians aren’t going to save us, we’re going to save ourselves.”

Barnes agreed that stigmatization around abortion is a major problem. She said that one in four American women have or will receive an abortion and added that a lack of sharing these experiences has led to a “climate of shame and fear around healthy decision-making about pregnancy.”

The end of legal abortion in many U.S. states will lead to a “crisis” as more women travel elsewhere for abortions or forego procedures entirely, Barnes said.

“This decision has made it much worse and will create a public health crisis that is unimaginable, I think, to the American public until we see it happen,” she said.

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Contempt case against lawyer postponed again

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

A Superior Court judge has postponed for another week a contempt hearing against divorce lawyer Nick-ola Cunha, who is accused of making inflammatory remarks about a judicial conspiracy.

Judge Thomas G. Moukawsher agreed to the delay to permit Cunha to complete arrangements for a competency examination to determine whether, accord-

ing to a court order, “she suffers from a psychological condition that the court could consider when determining whether she was able to obey the court’s orders regarding her clients’ records.”

Moukawsher disbarred Cunha in January and found her in contempt in May for violating his orders by with- drawing money from her law firm client account and fail- ing to provide the court with client records. The orders were issued to assist a trustee appointed to take control of

Cunha’s practice following her disbarment.

At Tuesday’s hear- ing in Middletown, Ryan Staines, a lawyer with the state judicial branch office responsible for disciplin- ing lawyers and protecting client interests, said a state prosecutor with criminal jurisdiction expressed an interest in Cunha’s case, but Staines did not elaborate and Moukawsher did not press him.

Cunha was jailed briefly earlier this month for fail-

ing to follow Moukawsher’s orders. She was released on the condition that she submit to an evaluation or comply with the court’s instructions.

The events leading to the disbarment began months earlier when Cunha accused a judge presiding over one of her clients’ divorce cases of involvement in a conspiracy that steered lucrative consult- ing work in divorce cases to friends and associates.

Moukawsher took charge of the case and, when Cunha said she could not substan-

tiate her allegations, he took her law license, accusing her, among other things, of making spurious claims in a self-serving effort to tie the judicial process in knots.

“She has systematically tried to use the justice system against itself in a bid to frus- trate it. In a bid to discredit it,” Moukawsher wrote in his disbarment order. “In a bid that, if unchecked here and elsewhere, threatens to destroy it as a credible instru- ment of democracy. Indeed, Ms. Cunha and her client

have lashed the system as broken and corrupt. But the case’s tortured history may be better explained by the system indulging Ms. Cunha and her client too much. In a quest to achieve fairness and give the benefit of every doubt, the system has allowed itself to be tied in knots.”

Cunha has said in inter- views that she has done nothing wrong. She said she has produced all appropriate client records and denies any inappropriate withdrawals from client funds.

Book

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imagery in the book. She said the first selectman asked her to remove it and to conduct a review of the more than 20,000 books in the library’s children’s collection and all the images in those books, Byroade said Tuesday.

Typically, if the library was to receive a complaint about a book’s content, Byroade and another member of the library staff would review the book for its overall content, “not one specific image,” said Byroade, adding that they also would follow a sometimes week- slong procedure to evaluate the book’s place in the library’s collec- tion.

This time, though, Byroade said she was asked to remove the text right away.

“I was told to remove the book and I said ‘No, we have a procedure, we have a form. I don’t turn around and remove something from the library on a whim,’ “ she said.

Bisbikos said Tuesday night that “there is no book banning” happen- ing in the town of Colchester and that the library was asked to tempo- rarily remove the book only from the children’s section. He said that a thorough review will be conducted not to determine whether the book should be removed from the library, but whether it should be placed in the children’s section or adult section.

He said that as of Tuesday, the book was still available in the adult section of the library for anyone who wants to view it.

Bisbikos said his goal is to deter- mine whether or not the book is appropriate for young readers. He said he does not think it is.

“The issue of this book, for me, really has to do with its placement: does it belong in the children’s section or does it not?” Bisbikos told the Hartford Courant. “I don’t believe that an image like that belongs in the children’s section of the library. But I would have no concern with it being in another section of the library.”

The first selectman initially announced his move on Facebook, publishing a statement that said: “A parent brought forward a serious concern regarding a book found in the children’s section of the library. The book contains sexually provoc- ative drawings in which the parent found offensive. The book in ques- tion was immediately removed from circulation.”

Byroade said she temporar- ily took the book out of the Pride display pending a formal complaint, which she had not received as of Tuesday afternoon, she said.

Bisbikos said that as of Tuesday evening he believed the concerned parent had, or was planning to, file a formal complaint with the library.

In his announcement, Bisbikos also said he ordered Byroade to “start an inventory of the children’s material” and encouraged parents to come forward about any “ques- tionable” material. He clarified Thursday that his intention is to move books to the adult section, if necessary, based on the age appro- priateness of their content.

In a later post, also on Facebook, Bisbikos wrote, “This was never about censorship and the First Selectman plays no role in what books are purchased or displayed in our library. I was merely attempt- ing to be responsive to a concern coming from a parent in our town. It was never the intention to perma- nently remove any books but to merely question if they belonged in the children’s section or the adult

section; therefore, I reached out to our Director of Library Services.”

“I have instructed the parent that they have five (5) days to file the appropriate paperwork with the library placing their complaint in writing at which time it will be the Director of Library Services and solely the Director of Library services, duty to respond.”

Byroade said that in her meet- ing with Bisbikos she was asked to conduct a review of the more than 20,000 books in the library’s chil- dren’s collection and all the images in those books — a time consum- ing task — by the end of the week, which she said would not be possi- ble.

The library director said the first selectman asked her directly whether she thought the image in the RuPaul book was sexual. She said no.

The RuPaul book in question, Byroade said, is part of a series of books titled “Who Is” and “Who Was” that are popular with children ages nine through 12. The books are biographies of all different people such as singers, athletes and histor- ical figures.

Often referred to by kids as the “big head books” because of the caricatures with large heads on the covers, Byroade said the biographies are a popular choice for young read- ers.

“Kids love these books they come in and they want these particular biographies. They’re very engag- ing but kids also pull off the shelves the ones that are about people who interest them,” she said.

“We have Anne Frank and Thomas Jefferson and we have RuPaul,” she said. “If you’re from a family that watches RuPaul’s Drag Race you might pull it off, if you aren’t, you might not have any idea who it is,” she said.

No one, she emphasized, is forc- ing children to read or check out the book. And the age group it’s intended for is fourth, fifth and sixth graders, she said, not anyone younger.

The image that was complained about, she said, is no different from the “objectified images of women” seen in other books that have not been pulled from shelves — such as books featuring female super- heroes.

“The woman is wearing thigh high boots, which is what Bat Girl and Bat Woman and Wonder Woman basically wear,” she said. The women around her are spelling out the letters “V-I-V-A” with their bodies, like many athletes featured in books do, she said.

“When cheerleaders and danc- ers spell letters with their bodies ... that’s what they’re doing,” said Byroade.

The Connecticut chapter of the ACLU said Tuesday that they condemn the first selectman’s deci- sion.

“Public libraries are central to our abilities to explore ideas, encoun- ter new perspectives, and learn to think for ourselves. Book bans are misguided and inappropriate attempts to try to suppress our First Amendment right to access infor- mation,” the ACLU said in a state- ment.

“The Colchester First Select- man’s attempt to remove a book about RuPaul Charles, an Emmy-winning television producer and a Black gay man, is the latest example of the types of book bans that are taking hold across the country, which specifically aim to remove books that are by and about people of color, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized people,” the statement said.

“These book bans work to

erase the history and lived experi- ences of women, people of color, and LGBTQ people and censor conversations about race, gender, and sexuality that impact young people’s daily lives,” the ACLU statement said. “We all have a right to read and learn free from viewpoint-based censorship, and young people have a First Amend- ment right to read and learn about the history and viewpoints of all communities in our libraries.”

The announcement of the book’s removal by the first selectman comes as libraries across the coun- try have been subject to disruption, such as the Proud Boys disrupting a children’s story hour involving a drag queen recently in California, according to the Washington Post.

Byroade said that the library is no stranger to complaints about books and is always open to conversations about their collection.

“I am a neutral arbiter and cura- tor of a collection,” she said of her role. “I’m happy to have a conver- sation with anyone about any of the materials in the library. Fill out the form and I will engage in probably a three-week process. Myself and another piece member would go through the staff in its entirety and decide together,” she said.

Byroade said libraries all across Connecticut have had similar experiences this year, but they have been handled more quietly because they’ve gone through the lengthy, deliberative procedure that is outlined for each library.

“Typically these things take weeks and weeks,” she said. “This is a process. This is not, turn around 30 minutes later and pull the book,” she said.

Patrick Dunne, executive direc- tor of the New Haven Pride Center, said that representation of LGBTQ people in children’s literature is extremely important to the health, wellbeing and survival of young LGBTQ people and young people with same sex or transgender fami- lies.

“The idea that a young person might be able to go to their public library and be browsing through the shelves and see someone that looks like them could literally save a life,” he said. “Seeing representation in your community is lifesaving.”

Having a book that celebrates an LGBTQ icon pulled from the public, he said, could be harmful.

Dunne said recent research shows that “a high percentage of LGBTQ youth are considering self harm and are suffering from depres- sion.” The spike, he said, is partially from the isolation of the pandemic and partially from messages of hate against LGBTQ people worldwide, but especially in the United States.

According to The Trevor Project, LGBTQ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers.

Though he isn’t positive that the book was pulled because of RuPaul’s sexuality, he said it’s common for content in books or media involving LGBTQ people to be over-sexualized, while images of people kissing or marrying in books with heteronormative characters are not considered sexual.

John Farwell, a parent in Colches- ter, said that he was disturbed by the first selectman’s actions but encour- aged by his community’s outrage to what happened.

Farwell said that the first select- man’s actions “don’t reflect the community” — which he described as “warm and welcoming.”

He said support for the book, the library and its staff, and freedom of speech has been “overwhelmingly positive” in Colchester in the wake of their elected official’s actions.

Churches

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“We’re two congregations, but in many ways we’re a new church start,” Giles said. “I think the biggest challenge is to say, ‘OK, how do we decide how we’re going to grow in the future, and how do we reach out in different ways to a community and a society who doesn’t see church the way it’s been seen in the past?’”

Giles said that both congrega- tions are excited to embark on this next chapter of finding a new name and clergy, as well as solidi- fying how the church will operate going into the future. The reunited church hopes to have its legal and constitutional by-laws completed by September, he said.

“Granby’s not a big town. We’ve known each other many of us for a long time, and it’s been a real joy to see people coming together and excited about this,” Giles said. “Churches around the country and around the world are facing what we’re facing as far as declining membership and so forth. This is one example of two churches who took that task on and came up with a solution that we hope it’s going to be something really great going forward.”

First Church was founded in 1732 in the geographical center of Granby. In 1872, a group of congre- gants and the then-minister left First Church to create South Church in Granby’s business center. Factors driving the split may have also included a difference of opin- ion regarding the second wave of the temperance movement and horse racing.

Becky Sielman is the modera- tor of South Church and has been a member for 35 years. She said that the ideological differences that drove the split in the 1800s have disappeared in the 21st century. Today, both churches have the same spiritual background and are open and affirming, meaning that they welcome all people regardless of sexuality or gender identity.

“As we had conversations with one another, we realized that while once upon a time, there may have been differences in culture or style between the two congregations, there really are no differences today,” Sielman said. “You can’t find differences between a member of South Congregational Church, and First Congregational Church.”

Sielman said that the United Church of Christ is unique among other denominations in that congregations make all decisions about their church from the bottom up. Sielman explained that the decision to reunite was critical for the future of both congregations.

“We were very conscious that we were making maybe the most important decision in the last hundred-fifty years, since the deci- sion was made to split off. And we were making this decision thinking not so much about ourselves, but our children and our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren, and people who will live in Granby that we haven’t met yet,” Sielman said.

Over the last two decades, churches of all denominations have experienced shrinking congregations. According to the Faith Communities Today survey of more than 15,000 religious communities across the country, the median attendance at worship services was 137 in 2000. Over 20 years, that number was slashed by more than half — in 2020, median worship attendance was just 65 per congregation.

At the same time, studies have found that the country’s churchgo-

ing population is aging. In 1998, the National Congregations Study by Duke University documented that in the average congregation, 29% of parishioners were 60 or older. In 2019, 43% were 60 or older, and only 24% of worshippers were younger than 35.

The Rev. Sandra Fischer was a member of First Church when she felt called to enter the ministry. After graduating from Yale Divinity School in 2012, she became South Church’s associate minister. In 2020 she completed her doctorate in congregation collaboration and merger and now runs a consulting business for churches looking to collaborate or combine with other ministries.

“I can say that the Northeast has had the steepest decline in church affiliation,” Fischer said.

“There’s all sorts of things that are going on, but I think the real driver is that there is a steep decline in the participation of younger generations in organized congre- gational life across all denomina- tions. I mean, you’ve heard of the ‘spiritual, not religious’ terminol- ogy. Each generation seems to be less interested in being involved in a structured congregational life as opposed to finding their own path to their own spiritual fulfillment.”

Fischer explained that another factor driving low attendance is the large array of church choices for Christians. According to the Asso- ciation of Religion Data Archives, there are more than 20 Christian congregations within a 6-mile radius of Granby’s town center.

“There’s such a wide range of choice, and there’s a small amount of people that are interested in going to church, so it really just divides the impact,” Fischer said. “In many of these churches that are declining, these faithful people, [who are] trying their best, think it’s their fault. Churches are not aware that this is a 20-year national trend that they are being swept along by. And so I think that there is guilt and grief and loss in many, many, many of these congregations.”

Fischer said that preserving these churches is also key to preserving town livelihoods. From providing a location for preschools or alcohol and addiction anonymous meet- ings, to collection drives for local food pantries or shelters for people experiencing homelessness, church impact extends beyond those who attend Sunday worship.

“Whether or not you go through the front door of that white UCC Church in the center of town or not, your daily life and the nature of the town in which you live is directly impacted by its presence in ways that most people don’t know or understand,” Fischer said.

Sielman said that she hopes the reunification between First and South Church will be a success story for other Connecticut congre- gations to look at.

“There is a lot that can be said about congregations with dwin- dling size and resources and the challenges they face,” Sielman said. “We’re hoping to be a maybe some- what rare but happy ending. And we hope also that the very careful, thoughtful and strategic way in which we approach the situation will provide a roadmap for other congregations that need to consider changes in order to continue to be viable going forward.

“I don’t think that there is any less of a need in the population for something spiritual in people’s lives. But I don’t think people are looking to meet that need in the same way they used to. So it’s up to us to figure out how we can provide that spiri- tual presence in new ways.”

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# Dozens dead in Texas truck tragedy

Families of migrants frantic for word after trailer reveals horror

By Eric Gay, Paul J. Weber and Elliot Spagat  
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Desperate families of migrants from Mexico and Central America frantically sought word of their loved ones as authorities began the grim task Tuesday of identifying 51 people who died after being abandoned in a tractor-trailer without air conditioning in the sweltering Texas heat.

It was the worst tragedy to claim the lives of migrants smuggled across the border from Mexico.

The driver of the truck and two other people were arrested, U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, said.

He said the truck had passed through a Border Patrol checkpoint northeast of Laredo, Texas, on Interstate 35.

He didn't know if migrants were inside the truck when it cleared the checkpoint.

The bodies were discovered Monday afternoon on the outskirts of San Antonio when a city worker heard a cry for help from the truck parked on a back road and found the gruesome scene inside, police Chief William McManus said. Hours later, body bags lay on the ground.

More than a dozen people — their bodies hot to the touch — were taken to hospitals, including four children.

Forty-six people were found dead at the scene, authorities said. Five more later died after being taken to hospitals, said Bexar



Debra Ponce, left, and Angelita Olvera pray Tuesday in San Antonio near where officials said dozens of people were found dead after a tractor-trailer containing migrants was discovered a day earlier. JAY JANNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

County Judge Nelson Wolff, the county's top elected official. Most of the dead were males, he said.

The death count was the highest ever from a smuggling incident in the United States, according to Craig Larrabee, acting special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations in San Antonio.

"This is a horror that surpasses anything we've experienced before," said San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg. "And it's sadly a preventable tragedy."

President Joe Biden called the deaths "horrifying and heartbreaking."

The home countries of

all of the migrants and how long they were abandoned were not immediately known.

At least 22 were from Mexico, seven from Guatemala and two from Honduras, Roberto Velasco Álvarez, head of the North America department in Mexico's Foreign Relations Department, said on Twitter. Families were reaching out to the Mexican Consulate in San Antonio looking for loved ones, an employee there said.

Attempts to cross the U.S. border from Mexico have claimed thousands of lives in both countries in recent decades.

U.S. border authorities are stopping migrants more often on the southern border than at any time in at least two decades. Migrants were stopped nearly 240,000 times in May, up by one-third from a year ago.

Comparisons to pre-pandemic levels are complicated because migrants expelled under a public health authority known as Title 42 face no legal consequences, encouraging repeat attempts. Authorities say 25% of encounters in May were with people who had been stopped at least once in the previous year.

Migrants — largely from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras

and El Salvador — have been expelled more than 2 million times under the pandemic-era rule in effect since March 2020 that denies a chance to seek asylum. The Biden administration planned to end the policy but a federal judge in Louisiana blocked the move in May.

South Texas has long been the busiest area for illegal border crossings. U.S. authorities discover trucks with migrants "pretty close" to daily, Larrabee said.

Migrants typically pay \$8,000 to \$10,000 to be taken across the border and loaded into a tractor-trailer and driven to San Antonio,

where they disperse across the United States, he said.

Conditions vary widely, including how much water passengers get and whether they are allowed to carry cellphones, Larrabee said.

San Antonio has been a recurring scene of tragedy and desperation in recent years involving migrants in semitrailers.

Ten migrants died in 2017 after being trapped inside a truck parked at a Walmart. In 2003, the bodies of 19 migrants were found in a sweltering truck southeast of the city. More than 50 migrants were found alive in a trailer in 2018, driven by a man who said he was to be paid \$3,000 and was sentenced to more than five years in prison.

"These drivers, they take money from the cartels," said state Sen. Roland Gutierrez, a Democrat from San Antonio.

Other incidents have occurred long before migrants reached the U.S. border. In December, more than 50 died when a semi-trailer filled with migrants rolled over on southern Mexico highway. In October, Mexican authorities reported 652 migrants in six trailers near the U.S. border. They were stopped at a military checkpoint.

Some of the 16 taken to hospitals Monday with heat-related illnesses were in critical condition, according to the hospitals.

One young woman was unable to speak because of a tube placed by doctors, said Antonio Fernandez, president and CEO of Catholic Charities in San Antonio. He asked if he could pray with her and if she was from Guatemala. She nodded yes both times.

# Maxwell gets 20 years for enabling Epstein's abuse

Socialite: 'Greatest regret' was meeting infamous financier

By Tom Hays and Larry Neumeister  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ghislaine Maxwell, the jet-setting socialite who once consorted with royals, presidents and billionaires, was sentenced to 20 years in prison Tuesday for helping financier Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls.

The sentence was the punctuation mark on a trial that explored the sordid rituals of a predatory power couple who courted the rich and famous as they lured vulnerable girls as young as 14, and then exploited them.

Prosecutors said Epstein, who killed himself in 2019 while in jail and awaiting trial, sexually abused children hundreds of times over more than a decade, and couldn't have done so without the help of Maxwell, his longtime companion and onetime girlfriend who they said sometimes also participated in the abuse. In December, a jury convicted Maxwell of sex trafficking, transporting a minor to participate in illegal sex acts and two conspiracy charges.

U.S. District Judge Alison Nathan, who also imposed a \$750,000 fine, said "a very significant sentence is necessary" and that she wanted to send an "unmistakable message" that these kinds of crimes would be punished. Prosecutors had asked the judge to give her 30 to 55 years in prison, while the 60-year-old Maxwell's defense sought five years.

Maxwell, wearing a mask to conform with coronavirus rules, looked to one side as the sentence was announced, but otherwise did not react.

"We will continue to live with the harm she caused us," said Annie Farmer, one of the four accusers who testified against Maxwell at trial, inside the courtroom before the sentencing.

When she had a chance to speak, Maxwell said she empathized with the survivors and that it was her "greatest regret of my life that I ever met Jeffrey Epstein." Maxwell called him "a manipulative, cunning and controlling man who lived a profoundly compartmentalized life."

Maxwell, who denies abusing anyone, said she hoped that her conviction and her "unusual incarceration" bring some "measure of peace and finality."

Nathan refused to let Maxwell escape culpability, making clear that Maxwell was being punished for her own actions, not Epstein's. She called the crimes "heinous and predatory" and said Maxwell, as a sophisticated woman, provided the veneer of safety as she "normalized" the abuse through her involvement, encouragement and instruction.

Several survivors described their sexual abuse, including Farmer, who said her sister and herself tried to go public with their stories about Epstein and Maxwell two decades ago, only to be shut down by the powerful couple through threats and influence with authorities.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alison Moe recounted how Maxwell subjected girls to "horrifying nightmares" by taking them to Epstein.

"They were partners in crime together and they molested these kids together," she said, calling Maxwell "a person who was indifferent to the suffering of other human beings."

Epstein and Maxwell's associations with some of the world's most famous people were not a prominent part of the trial, but mentions of friends like former Presidents Bill Clinton and Donald Trump and Britain's



Annie Farmer, center, one of the four accusers who testified against Ghislaine Maxwell at trial, speaks to the media Tuesday outside federal court in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Prince Andrew showed how the pair exploited their connections to impress their prey.

Over the past 17 years, scores of women have accused Epstein of abusing them, with many describing Maxwell as the madam who recruited them. The trial, though, revolved around allegations from only a handful of those women.

Four testified that they were abused as teens in the 1990s and early 2000s at Epstein's mansions in Florida, New York, New Mexico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Three were identified in court only by their first names or pseudonyms to protect their privacy: Jane, a television actress; Kate, an ex-model from the U.K.; and Carolyn, now a mom recovering from drug addiction. The fourth was Farmer, the sole accuser to identify herself in court by her real name, after speaking out publicly.

They described how Maxwell charmed them with conversation and gifts and promises that Epstein could use his wealth and connections to help fulfill their

dreams.

Then, they testified, she led them to give massages to Epstein that turned sexual and played it off as normal.

Carolyn testified that she was one of several underprivileged teens who lived near Epstein's Florida home in the early 2000s and took up an offer to massage him in exchange for \$100 bills in what prosecutors described as "a pyramid of abuse."

Maxwell made all the arrangements, Carolyn told the jury, even though she knew the girl was only 14 at the time.

# As abortion ban starts in Tenn., Texas temporarily blocks enforcement

By Amy Forliti and Geoff Mulvihill  
Associated Press

A federal court Tuesday allowed Tennessee to ban abortions as early as six weeks into pregnancy, while a Texas judge temporarily blocked enforcement of that state's ban on virtually all abortions, in a flurry of activity set off at courthouses across the U.S. by the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Statewide bans or other restrictions that were either

left on the books for generations, tied up by legal challenges or specifically designed to take effect if Roe were to fall are now in play as a result of last week's Supreme Court ruling eliminating the constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy.

Roughly half the states are expected to prohibit or severely limit the procedure now that the high court has left it up to them.

Since Friday, judges have agreed to allow bans or other

restrictions to take effect in Alabama, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee. But abortion bans remained temporarily blocked in some states, including Louisiana, Texas and Utah. Decisions are pending in other places, including Florida and Indiana. Abortion-rights advocates also dropped some of their legal efforts in Indiana, Minnesota and Missouri.

Some clinics initially turned patients away soon after the high court's ruling came down, but then

reopened as judges ruled in their favor. That happened in Louisiana on Tuesday.

In Houston, a Democratic city in a conservative state, a judge blocked enforcement for now of a statewide ban on virtually all abortions, according to a group representing abortion clinics in Texas.

"It is a relief that this Texas state court acted so quickly to block this deeply harmful abortion ban," said Marc Hearron, senior counsel at the Center for Repro-

ductive Rights.

Abortions in Texas are still prohibited at about six weeks because of a law that took effect last year. But after Tuesday's ruling, Texas clinics, which stopped providing services Friday, received assurances they can resume operations for at least a few more weeks without risking prosecution. At least one provider reopened to patients.

Regarding Tennessee, the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

on Tuesday allowed a six-week ban to take effect at the state's request. A ban prohibiting nearly all abortions is set to take effect in a month. Both measures would make performing an abortion a felony and subject doctors to up to 15 years in prison.

The Supreme Court's decision opened the gates on a wave of litigation. One side is seeking to put statewide bans into effect swiftly, while the other is trying to stop or delay such measures.





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WORLD & NATION

Crowdfunders jumping into action

Public donations on both sides help get gear to front lines

By John Leicester  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — In one of the combat zones against Russia, the supply chief for a Ukrainian fighting brigade places his online order for war supplies — a list ranging from drones, trucks and thermal sights to batteries, generators and tape. They are needed, he writes, to equip two new battalions and “combat against armed aggression.” In a makeshift supply depot in the capital, Kyiv, crowdfunders start busying themselves with his request. Their bustle will get the equipment to the 72nd Brigade within days, all paid for with public donations. In their ramshackle office, a poster bearing a Vietnam-era peace slogan exhorts: “Drop acid, Not bombs.”

With attritional combat devouring soldiers and resources, Ukraine is waging a people’s war, fought away from front lines by self-starting networks of donors and volunteers. Tech-savvy systems they’ve thrown together convert millions of dollars in donations into Amazon-like deliveries of war gear to the battlefields. Volunteering is also boosting morale, providing tangible proof to Ukrainians that they’re together in their battle for survival, even if they don’t have guns in their hands. From grandmothers cutting old clothes into strips to make camouflage netting to the bereaved girlfriend of a slain soldier who walked into the supply depot after his burial saying she wanted to help, most everyone seems to be doing their bit, big and small or by direct debit. Civilian assistance for the



A volunteer carries goods to a van June 13 in Kyiv to be delivered to troops on the eastern and southern fronts of the war in Ukraine. NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

military effort has been a feature of Ukrainian resistance from Day 1 of the Feb. 24 invasion, as ordinary folk dropped everything to help and raided their bank accounts to equip hastily assembled new units. From modest beginnings, including telephone hot lines for donations that were immediately overwhelmed with calls, crowdfunding initiatives have matured into well-oiled machines. They have online payment systems and slick websites explaining their needs, and volunteers applying their expertise in civilian fields — logistics, technology, purchasing, electronics — to help get supplies into troops’ hands. Five months into the invasion, creative fundraising is also keeping money flowing in — belying the notion that Ukrainians are losing inter-

est and feeling less imperiled in the uneasy peace that has returned to Kyiv and other cities since badly mauled Russian forces withdrew from the north in April, refocusing on capturing Ukraine’s eastern Donbas region. An appeal last week by Ukrainian television personality and politician Serhiy Prytula for \$15 million in donations to buy three Turkish-made Bayraktar combat drones went viral. He subsequently announced that he’d surged past the target, raising \$20 million — enough for four Bayraktars — in under three days. His foundation is one of the biggest crowdfunding initiatives. Among other, more unusual ones are women and men who send erotic photos of themselves as a reward to donors who can

prove, with a receipt, that they gave to a war-support fund. “Teronlyfans” says its aim “is to incentivize donations for the needs of Ukraine and thereby bring our victory closer.” The volunteers say they’ve helped raise \$750,000 by baring all. “We make sure that the photos are not pornographic. This is beautiful, aesthetic erotica,” said Nastya Kuchmenko, one of the group’s co-founders. “It’s not about objectifying the body, it’s about the freedom to use your body as you want.” On the opposing side, some Russians, including soldiers’ mothers, also are getting supplies to troops. But the Russian effort isn’t as organized, massive and spontaneous, in part because the Kremlin is downplaying the scale, reach and cost of

its invasion, insisting that it’s a mere “military operation.” The United People’s Front, a Kremlin-created effort to foster public support for the government, launched a crowdfunding campaign in early June, under the slogan “All for Victory!” “The guys on the front line who are dying for the right to be Russians, who are fighting for our common freedom, will greatly appreciate any help you can offer,” Mikhail Kuznetsov, a United People’s Front executive, said of the drive for front-line gear and medicines. “They will win in any case, but they will win faster and with smaller casualties if we help them.” On the Ukrainian side, victory is the goal too. The foundation run by Prytula prioritizes its aid for units in combat hot spots.

Unit commanders list their needs and locations on an online form. That’s how “Tokha” — the nom de guerre of the quartermaster for the 72nd Brigade — submitted his order. Gear on his wish-list hinted at the ferocity — 100 periscopes for peering from trenches, a dozen tablets pre-loaded with software to correct artillery fire, and even wire — presumably for use as tripwires. Bigger-ticket items included six vans and pickup trucks. Convoys of vehicles set off loaded with gear every week from the foundation’s depot in Kyiv. Some vehicles are repainted in army green to make them battle-ready. Their front-line lives can be short: Two recently delivered ambulances lasted two days before Russian bombs destroyed them.



A 101-year-old man, identified as Josef S., covers his face Tuesday in a German courtroom. He was convicted of serving as a guard at a Nazi camp during World War II. MICHELE TANTUSSI/AP

Former Nazi camp guard, 101, sentenced to 5 years in prison

By Kirsten Grieshaber  
Associated Press

BERLIN — A 101-year-old man was convicted in Germany of more than 3,500 counts of accessory to murder Tuesday for serving at the Nazis’ Sachsenhausen concentration camp during World War II. The Neuruppin Regional Court sentenced him to five years in prison. The man, identified by local media as Josef S., had denied working as an SS guard at the camp and aiding and abetting the murder of thousands of prisoners. In the trial, which opened in October, the centenarian said that he had worked as a farm laborer in northeastern Germany during the period in question. However, the court considered it proven that he worked at the camp on the outskirts of Berlin between 1942 and 1945 as an enlisted member of the Nazi Party’s paramilitary wing, the German news agency dpa reported. “You willingly supported this mass extermination with your activity,” presiding judge Udo Lechter-

mann said. “You watched deported people being cruelly tortured and murdered there every day for three years.” Prosecutors had based their case on documents relating to an SS guard with the man’s name, date and place of birth, as well as other documents. The five-year prison sentence was in line with the prosecution’s demand. The defendant’s lawyer had sought an acquittal. Defense attorney Stefan Waterkamp said he would appeal. Germany’s leading Jewish group welcomed the ruling. “Even if the defendant will probably not serve the full prison sentence due to his advanced age, the verdict is to be welcomed,” said Josef Schuster, the head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. For practical reasons, the trial was held in a gymnasium in Brandenburg an der Havel, the 101-year-old’s place of residence. The man was only fit to stand trial to a limited extent and was only able to participate in the trial for about 2 ½ hours each day. The process was

interrupted several times for health reasons and hospital stays. Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s office in Jerusalem, said the sentence “sends a message that if you commit such crimes, even decades later, you might be brought to justice.” Sachsenhausen was established in 1936 near Berlin as the first new site after Adolf Hitler gave the SS full control of the Nazi concentration camp system. More than 200,000 people were held there between 1936 and 1945. Tens of thousands died of starvation, disease, forced labor and other causes, as well as through medical experiments and systematic SS extermination operations. Sachsenhausen was liberated by the Soviets, who then turned it into a brutal camp of their own. The verdict relies on recent legal precedent in Germany establishing that anyone who helped a Nazi camp function can be prosecuted for being an accessory to the murders committed there.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Turkey ends opposition over Finland, Sweden’s NATO bids

By Jill Lawless and Joseph Wilson  
Associated Press

MADRID — Turkey agreed Tuesday to lift its opposition to Sweden and Finland joining NATO, a breakthrough in an impasse clouding a leaders’ summit in Madrid amid Europe’s worst security crisis in decades triggered by the war in Ukraine. After urgent top-level talks, alliance Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said “we now have an agreement that paves the way for Finland and Sweden to join NATO.” Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has prompted Sweden and Finland to abandon their long-held nonaligned status and apply to join NATO. But Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had blocked the move, insisting the Nordic pair change their stance on Kurdish rebel groups that Turkey considers terrorists. Finnish President Sauli Niinisto said the three countries’ leaders signed a joint agreement after talks Tuesday. Turkey said it had “got what it wanted” including “full cooperation ... in the fight against” the rebel groups. The agreement comes at the opening of a crucial summit dominated by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. President Joe Biden and other NATO leaders arrived in Madrid for a summit that will set the course of the alliance for the coming years. Stoltenberg said the meeting would chart a blueprint for the alliance “in a more dangerous and unpredictable world.” “To be able to defend in a more dangerous world we have to invest more in our defense,” Stoltenberg said. Just nine of NATO’s 30 members meet the organi-



Rescuers clear rubble Tuesday from the site of a shopping mall in Kremenchuk, Ukraine, a day after it was hit by a deadly Russian missile strike. GENYA SAVILOV/GETTY-AFP

zation’s target of spending 2% of gross domestic product on defense. Spain, which is hosting the summit, spends just half that. Top of the agenda for leaders in meetings Wednesday and Thursday is strengthening defenses against Russia and supporting Ukraine. Biden, who arrived with the aim of stiffening the resolve of any wavering allies, said NATO was “as united and galvanized as I think we have ever been.” Diplomats and leaders from Turkey, Sweden and Finland earlier held a flurry of talks in an attempt to break the impasse over Turkey’s opposition to expansion. Erdogan is critical of what he considers the lax approach of Sweden and Finland toward groups that Ankara deems national security threats, including the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, and its Syrian extension. American support for Syrian Kurdish fighters in combating the Islamic State group has also enraged Turkey for years. Turkey has demanded that Finland and Sweden extradite wanted individuals and lift arms restrictions imposed after Turkey’s 2019

military incursion into northeast Syria. Ending the deadlock will allow NATO leaders to focus on their key issue: an increasingly unpredictable and aggressive Russia. A deadly Russian missile strike Monday on a shopping mall in the central Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk was a grim reminder of the war’s horrors. Some saw the timing — as Group of Seven leaders met in Germany and just ahead of NATO — as a message from Moscow. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, due to address NATO leaders by video Wednesday, called the strike on the mall a “terrorist” act. On Tuesday, rescuers combed through the charred rubble of the shopping mall that authorities said was struck when more than 1,000 afternoon shoppers and workers were inside. In addition to the 18 killed, authorities said 59 were wounded. Another 21 people are still missing, Ukrainian Interior Minister Denis Monastyrsky said. The attack recalled strikes earlier in the war that hit a theater, a train station, and a hospital.



WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Flint water charges tossed against former Mich. governor, others

From news services

DETROIT — The Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday threw out charges against former Gov. Rick Snyder and others in the Flint water scandal, saying a judge sitting as a one-person grand jury had no power to issue indictments under rarely used state laws.

It's an astonishing defeat for Attorney General Dana Nessel, who took office in 2019, got rid of a special prosecutor and put together a new team to investigate whether crimes were committed when lead contaminated Flint's water system in 2014-15.

State laws "authorize a judge to investigate, subpoena witnesses, and issue arrest warrants" as a grand juror, the Supreme Court said. "But they do not authorize the judge to issue indictments," the court said in a 6-0 opinion written by Chief Justice Bridget McCormack.

The challenge was filed by lawyers for former health director Nick Lyon, but the decision also applies to Snyder and others who were indicted. The cases now will return to Genesee County court with requests for dismissal.

Snyder's legal team called the court's opinion "unequivocal and scathing."

"These prosecutions of Gov. Snyder and the other defendants were never about seeking justice for the citizens of Flint," Snyder's lawyers said. "Rather, Attorney General Nessel and her political appointee Solicitor General Fadwa Hammoud staged a self-interested, vindictive, wasteful and politically motivated prosecution."

Hammoud, however, released a statement, insisting the cases weren't over,

based on her interpretation of the opinion.

The saga began in 2014 when Flint managers appointed by Snyder dropped out of a regional water system and began using the Flint River to save money while a new pipeline to Lake Huron was under construction. State regulators insisted the river water didn't need to be treated, but lead from old pipes flowed for 18 months in the majority-Black city.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission said it was the result of systemic racism, doubting that the water switch and the brush-off of complaints would have occurred in a white, prosperous community.

Snyder has acknowledged that his administration failed in Flint.

**Updating vaccines:** Some U.S. adults are closer to getting updated COVID-19 boosters this fall after government advisers voted Tuesday that it's time to tweak shots to better match the most recent variants.

The Food and Drug Administration will have to decide the exact recipe but expect a combination shot that adds protection against a version of the super-contagious omicron variant to the original vaccine.

Advisers to the FDA voted 19-2 that some version of omicron should be part a fall booster campaign, an effort to blunt an expected COVID-19 surge.

Panelists cautioned that the recommendation doesn't necessarily mean everyone would get a tweaked booster. They might be urged only for older adults or those at high risk from the virus.

**Bidens banned:** Russia on Tuesday announced that it was banning the wife



Lawmakers applaud Yael Braun-Pivet after her first speech as speaker of the National Assembly on Tuesday in Paris. France's lower house of parliament opened its first session since President Emmanuel Macron's party lost its majority this month. In her speech, Braun-Pivet defended the right to abortion, calling on the chamber to be "vigilant" about protecting it. MICHEL EULER/AP

and daughter of President Joe Biden from entering the country, in response to widening sanctions against Russia.

The Foreign Ministry said 25 names were being added to the country's "stop list" including Biden's wife, Jill, and daughter Ashley.

It also banned entry to four senators whom it identified as "responsible for the formation of the (U.S.) Russophobic course:" Susan Collins, R-Maine, Kirstin Gillibrand, D-N.Y., Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Ben Sasse, R-Neb.

**Colombia war report:** Colombia's national truth commission called Tuesday for a sweeping transformation of the country's armed forces that would refocus the military around respect for human rights and international law

The recommendations are part of an expansive report designed to tell the most comprehensive narrative yet of Colombia's long and brutal internal conflict, which lasted at least 58

years, involved almost every sector of Colombian society, and cost hundreds of thousands of lives and billions of U.S. dollars.

The report, overseen by a group of 11 commissioners, is the result of the 2016 peace deal between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, a leftist group, and the government.

Commissioners were instructed to not only investigate human rights violations committed by all actors between 1958 and 2016, but also to write a history of the way the conflict affected social, economic, political, cultural and environmental rights — and then provide recommendations that would set the country on the path to lasting peace.

The commission was also asked to examine the factors that perpetuated the conflict, including the rise of paramilitary groups and the rapid growth of what became an all-powerful cocaine industry.

The investigation was highly critical of the U.S. role in the war. Despite a

20-plus-year effort by the United States to eradicate the Colombian cocaine trade, the coca leaf is grown at record rates, according to U.S. data.

**Colombia prison fire:** A fire at a prison in southwestern Colombia has killed 51 people and injured a dozen more, authorities said Tuesday.

The director of the national prison system, Tito Castellanos, told Radio Caracol it's not clear if all of the dead were prisoners.

He said the fire broke out during what appeared to be an attempted riot early Tuesday at the prison in the city of Tulua, 370 miles southwest of Bogota.

**Xi's Hong Kong visit:** Hong Kong police confirmed Tuesday that Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit the city this week for the 25th anniversary of the former British colony's return to Chinese rule.

Xi will attend several official events including the inauguration of

Hong Kong's next leader on Friday, Assistant Police Commissioner Lui Kam-ho said.

Xi's visit will be his first trip outside of mainland China since the coronavirus pandemic took hold about 2 1/2 years ago. It comes as Hong Kong is facing a new spike in infections following what was by far its worst and deadliest COVID-19 outbreak earlier this year.

The United Kingdom returned Hong Kong to China on July 1, 1997. The anniversary is highly symbolic for Xi, who wants to be seen as propelling a "national rejuvenation" as he prepares to start an expected third five-year term as head of China's ruling Communist Party this fall.

Part of that rejuvenation is erasing the legacy of colonialism and what the party regards as unequal treaties that granted territorial concessions to Britain and other foreign nations during the waning years of the Qing Dynasty, which ended in 1911.

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Instagram blocking view of abortion-related posts

Platform says warnings of ‘graphic or violent content’ due to technical glitch

By Amanda Seitz  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Instagram is blocking posts that mention abortion from public view, in some cases requiring its users to confirm their age before letting them view posts that offer up information about the procedure.

In recent days several Instagram accounts run by abortion-rights advocacy groups have found their posts or stories hidden with a warning that described the posts as “sensitive content.”

In one example, Instagram covered up a post on one page, with more than 25,000 followers that shared it, a text reading: “Abortion in America How You Can Help.”

The post went on to encourage followers to donate money to abortion organizations and to protest the Supreme Court’s decision to strip constitutional protections for abortion in the United States.

The post was slapped with a warning from Instagram that covered the post, reading “This photo may contain graphic

or violent content.”

Photographer Zoe Noble has run the Instagram page, which celebrates women who decide not to have children, for more than a year. Monday was the first time a post mentioning abortion was restricted by Instagram.

“I was really confused because we’ve never had this happen before, and we’ve talked about abortion before,” said Noble who is based in London and Berlin. “I was really shocked that the word abortion seemed to be flagged.”

The platform offers no way for users to dispute the restriction.

The Associated Pres identified nearly a dozen other posts that mentioned the word “abortion” and were covered up by Instagram. All of the posts were informational in nature, and none of the posts featured photos of abortions. An Instagram post by an AP reporter that asked people if they were experiencing the problem was also covered by the company on Tuesday, and required users to enter their age in order to view it.

The AP inquired about the problem Tuesday morning. Hours later, Instagram’s communication department acknowledged the problem on Twitter, describing it as a glitch involving the misapplication of its “sensitivity screens” to certain types of content.

“We’re looking into this bug and working on a fix now,” the company tweeted.

A spokesman for Instagram-owner Meta Platforms Inc. said in an email that the company does not place age restrictions around its abortion content.

The issue follows a Monday AP report that Facebook and Instagram were deleting posts that offered to mail out abortion pills in states that restrict their use. The tech platforms said they were deleting the posts because they violated policies against selling or gifting certain products, including pharmaceuticals, drugs and firearms.

The AP’s review found that similar posts offering to mail a gun or marijuana were not removed by Facebook. The company did not respond to questions about the discrepancy.

G-7 pledges further hits on Kremlin oil income

By Zeke Miller and Geir Moulson  
Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany — Leaders of the world’s biggest developed economies said Tuesday that they would explore far-reaching steps to cap Russia’s income from oil sales that is financing its invasion of Ukraine and struck a united stance to support Kyiv for “as long as it takes” as the war grinds on.

The final statement from the Group of Seven summit in Germany underlined their intent to impose “severe and immediate economic costs” on Russia.

It left out key details on how fossil fuel price caps would work in practice, setting up more discussion in the weeks ahead to “explore ... the feasibility” of measures to bar imports of Russian oil above a certain level.

That would hit a key Russian source of income and, in theory, help relieve the energy price spikes and inflation afflicting the global economy as a result of the war.

The G-7 leaders — representing the Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the U.S. — on Monday pledged their continued support for Ukraine after conferring by video with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Leaders also agreed on a ban on imports of Russian gold and to step up aid to countries hit with food shortages by the blockade on Ukraine grain shipments through the Black Sea.

The price cap — pushed by President Joe Biden — would in theory work by barring service providers such as shippers or insurers from dealing with oil priced above a fixed level.

That could work because the service providers are mostly located in the European Union or the U.K. and thus within reach of sanctions.

The U.S. has already blocked Russian oil imports, which were small in any case.



Fireworks explode overhead during a July 4 celebration in Prescott, Ariz. Some cities have canceled events this year. JULIE JACOBSON/AP 2013

In some cities, no fireworks

July 4th may be dark in spots that point to wildfire danger, costs, labor, supply shortages

By Anita Snow  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The skies over a scattering of Western cities will stay dark for the third consecutive Fourth of July as some major fireworks displays are canceled again this year — some over wildfire concerns amid dry weather and others because of enduring pandemic-related staffing and supply chain issues.

Phoenix canceled its three major Independence Day displays because it couldn’t obtain professional-grade fireworks.

“Unless you’re in a really remote area where that was the only show, most people will be able to find a show nearby,” said Julie Heckman, executive director of the American Pyrotechnics Association.

Overseas shipping, transportation in the U.S., rising insurance costs and labor shortages have led to the canceled displays, along with demand for fireworks shows at concerts, sports stadiums and the Fourth of July holiday that largely were absent during the first two years of the pandemic, Heckman said.

“The demand is so high that it’s almost like a perfect storm,” Heckman said, adding that not having enough crew to work the shows or rental trucks to transport materials have added to the crunch.

China produces most of the professional-grade fireworks that produce colorful, dazzling bursts in various shapes. The shortage doesn’t lie in manufacturing, Heckman said, but in congestion at U.S. ports.

Heckman said some companies recently chartered a dozen vessels, each carrying 200 to 250 containers of consumer-grade fireworks, and shipped them to ports in Alabama and Louisiana to free up space at ports on the West Coast.

Other cities around the country are halting the displays because of the threat of wildfire.

Flagstaff in northern Arizona will carry out its Independence Day parade through downtown, but a new laser light show will replace the standard pyrotechnic display.

Three wildfires skirted the mountainous city in the spring, prompting hundreds of people to evacuate, closing a major highway and destroying some homes.

“The decision was made early because we wanted people to be able to make plans with their families,” said Flagstaff city spokesperson Sarah Langley.

Many local jurisdictions have banned fireworks amid drought, even with an early start of the rainy season that has led to flooding in the Southwest.

Fireworks are prohibited in national forests.

Lompoc in California and Castle Rock in Colorado canceled pyrotechnic displays over worries about wildfires. Still, an Independence Eve fireworks show with live music by the Colorado Symphony is planned for Sunday at Denver’s Civic Center Park.

The Southgate Mall in Missoula, Montana, canceled its annual Fourth of July celebration and fireworks show without giving a reason.

Elsewhere, some North Carolina towns canceled displays after a recent fireworks-related explosion killed a man on a farm and a cache of fireworks were destroyed in a related fire.

In Minneapolis, a fireworks display over the Mississippi River won’t be held because of staff shortages and construction at a nearby park.

And those who plan to light up bottle rockets, firecrackers and ground-level fountains at home can expect to pay more.

The American Pyrotechnic Association estimates that costs are up 35% across the industry.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Ukraine to start electricity trades

BRUSSELS — Ukraine will start trading electricity with neighboring European countries later this week as it continues to move away from Russia’s sphere of influence, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity, or ENTSO-E, said Tuesday.

The Belgian-based association, which represents dozens of transmission system operators in Europe, said the first phase of commercial exchanges is set to begin Thursday following the synchronization of power systems in March.

After the Russian invasion, ENTSO-E engineers linked Ukraine to the continental grid to allow it to decouple its power system from Russia. Moldova was also synchronized with the continental system.

Brexit revision clears 1st hurdle

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s bid to rip up parts of the post-Brexit trade deal he signed with the European Union has cleared its first hurdle in Parliament, despite warnings from opponents that the move is illegal.

Lawmakers voted 295-221 late Monday to give initial approval to a bill allowing U.K. officials to rewrite trade rules for Northern Ireland. The vote clears the way for the bill to undergo detailed scrutiny in coming weeks.

The legislation would remove checks on goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K., thereby scrapping parts of a trade treaty that Johnson signed before Britain left the EU in 2020. The British government says the rules are burdening businesses and undermining peace in Northern Ireland.

EU considers smallpox shot for monkeypox

By Maria Cheng  
Associated Press

LONDON — The European Medicines Agency says it will begin reviewing data to decide if a smallpox vaccine made by the pharmaceutical company Bavarian Nordic might also be authorized for monkeypox, amid a growing outbreak of the disease across the continent.

In a statement Tuesday, the EU drug regulator noted that the vaccine, known as Imvanex in Europe but sold as Jynneos in the U.S., is already cleared for use against monkeypox by American regulators.

In Europe, the vaccine is only authorized in adults for the prevention of smallpox, which is related to monkeypox.

“The decision to start this review is based on results from laboratory studies suggesting that the vaccine triggers the production of antibodies that target the monkeypox virus,” the EMA said. The regulator said that supplies of the vaccine are currently very limited in Europe.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are currently more than 4,300 cases of monkeypox globally, the majority of which are in Europe.

The vast majority of cases are in gay and bisexual men, and in other men who have sex with men, although scientists warn anyone who is in close, physical contact with someone who has monkeypox or their clothing or bedsheets is at risk of infection.

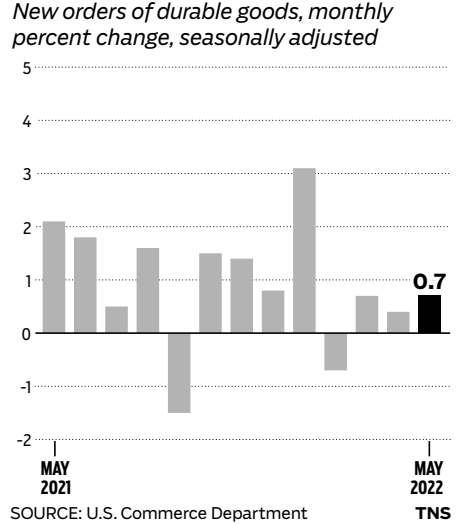
Several countries, including Britain,

Germany and the U.S., have begun vaccinating those at highest risk of catching monkeypox using smallpox vaccines. Although the disease has been endemic in parts of Africa for decades, vaccines have not been used to stamp out previous outbreaks there.

Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue, and recover within weeks without needing medical care, but the disease can be more severe in pregnant women and children.

The World Health Organization declined last week to declare monkeypox a global emergency, but has said it is working on a vaccine-sharing mechanism that some fear could see vaccines go to rich countries that already have stockpiles.

Manufacturing orders





BUSINESS



Fisherman Dwight Souther hauls in a trap of green crabs June 12. The crustaceans are being used by a New Hampshite distillery to create a green-crab-flavored whiskey. JENNIFER BAKOS

NH distillery adding a hint of invasive crab to whiskey

By Michael Casey  
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Care for a hint of crab in your whiskey?

A New Hampshire distillery has come up with its newest concoction called Crab Trapper — whiskey flavored with invasive green crabs.

Tamworth Distilling, a maker of craft spirits, is not afraid of pushing boundaries with unexpected flavors.

In the past, the distillery produced a whiskey with the secretion from beavers' castor sacs. Last year, it was turkey over the holidays and before that the pungent smell of the fruit durian.

The company said the body of this peculiar brew has hints of maple, vanilla oak, clove, cinnamon and allspice. And no, you won't get any crab legs in the drink.

The concoction came about as Tamworth Distilling, while searching for a fresh flavor, cast its eye to the sea.

Distiller Matt Power said the company heard about the problems caused by the invasive green crabs

from the University of New Hampshire Extension's Gabriela Bradt.

The crabs, which came over on ships from Europe in the mid-1800s and landed on Cape Cod, have taken the region by storm. These crustaceans with a murky green color have decimated the area's marine ecosystem.

Bradt, a fisheries extension specialist, said the crabs are "so numerous that they have really impacted shellfish habitats and fisheries because they are also voracious predators." A good example, she said, was the soft-shell clam fishery, which has suffered millions of dollars in losses.

The crabs, caught off the coast of New Hampshire by fisherman Dwight Souther, are taken to the distillery, where they are boiled to produce what Power called a "stout crab broth." Power said the broth is fortified with alcohol, then goes through a distillation process that separates out the funky smells of the crab from the more inviting aromas.

The goal, Power said, is to get rid of the smells he compared to tidal flats, leav-

ing behind those that might be reminiscent of "the sea breeze on a warm day down by the coast." Then, the distillery adds a corn and spice mixture that includes coriander, cinnamon, bay leaf and mustard seed. That mixture is then added to a cask of the distillery's bourbon that has been aged for several years.

The distillery's sales manager, Jillian Anderson, said the whiskey, available on site, at Philadelphia's Art in the Age and online, has grown in popularity.

Still, no one claims that the spirit is the answer to getting rid of the invasive crabs.

As Power said, they would have to greatly increase their whiskey production to put a dent in green crab numbers.

But there are other efforts underway to address the crab threat.

For the past six years, Bradt said, the NH Green Crab Project has been working to come up with uses for the crabs similar to the fishery for soft-shell blue crabs, such as using the green crabs for bait, compost and adding them to the menu of local seafood restaurants.

Churches turn to tiny homes to address a big societal issue

By Holly Meyer  
Associated Press

Churches across the country are tackling the big question of how to address homelessness in their communities with a small solution: tiny homes.

On vacant plots near their parking lots and steeped sanctuaries, congregations are building everything from fixed and fully contained micro homes to petite, moveable cabins, and several other styles of small-footprint dwellings in between.

The drive to provide shelter is rooted in church beliefs about helping the vulnerable.

"It's just such an integral part of who we are as a people of faith," said the Rev. Lisa Fischbeck, former Episcopal vicar and the board chair of Pee Wee Homes, an affordable housing organization building tiny abodes in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Fischbeck led the Episcopal Church of the Advocate when it added three one-bedroom units on its 15-acre campus. The first residents, including the organization's namesake, Nathaniel "Pee Wee" Lee, moved into them in June 2019.

Before that Lee, 78, had spent years sleeping in alleys, cardboard shelters and cars after medical issues ended his masonry career. Today he enjoys watching TV in his home, growing tomatoes and fishing in a nearby pond.

"I thank the Lord because this is mine and nobody can run me out," Lee said.

Fischbeck said tiny homes can fit nearly anywhere, and an advantage to building them on church properties is that electricity, water and other infrastructure is already in place.

"I just feel so passionately that churches have space," she said. "Just consider it.



Community members come together to help build cabins for mothers with children on property owned by Meridian Baptist Church in El Cajon, California. LISA KOGAN/AMIKAS

It's a dire need."

The embrace of tiny homes as housing solutions can be found in both sacred and secular spaces. Within the Christian sphere, their use spans denominations. Often the tiny home projects build on related ministries such as providing parking space for people living in their cars. Beneficiaries are generally welcome to attend worship services but not required to do so.

Some churches' projects are up and running, while others are still working toward move-in day, like the Church of the Nazarene congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota, which is assembling a tiny house community for chronically homeless people with local nonprofit Settled.

"We do not have a lot of property," said Jeff O'Rourke, lead pastor of Mosaic Christian Community in St. Paul. "We have just strived to use every square inch of property that we have to be hospitable."

This spring in El Cajon, California, Meridian Baptist partnered with local nonprofit Amikas to begin building emergency sleep-

ing cabins on a slice of its property that Rolland Slade, the church's pastor, said is usually unoccupied.

Mothers with children can stay for 90 days and be connected with the city's housing safety net for more permanent options. Bathrooms and a communal kitchen are in a nearby church building.

"Folks have said to me that six cabins are not going to make a difference, and I wholeheartedly disagree," Slade said. "We'll make the difference for at least six women. If they each have a child, that'll be six children."

For help with construction, operation and dealing with bureaucratic hurdles, churches often turn to community organizations like Amikas, Pee Wee Homes and Settled.

The tiny home movement on its own is too small to fix the whole problem, said Marybeth Shinn, a Vanderbilt University professor who has studied homelessness for decades.

"It's good to help some people, but we need to figure out solutions that are going to help many more," Shinn said.

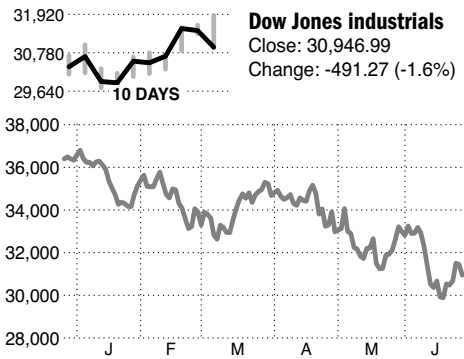
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S&P 400	2,309.22	-32.78	-18.75%
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Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	80.78	-5.38	-43.9
Agile Therapeutics (AGRX)	2.41	+1.14	-87.7
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	107.40	-5.82	-35.6
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.50	-.06	-24.8
Amphenol Corp (APH)	64.72	-1.40	-26.0
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Apple Inc (AAPL)	137.44	-4.22	-22.6
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.02	+.08	-7.7
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## Why did the Republican Party become so extreme?



**Paul Krugman**

Many political analysts have spent years warning that the GOP was becoming an extremist, anti-democratic party. Long before Republicans nominated Donald Trump for president, let alone before Trump refused to acknowledge electoral defeat, congressional scholars Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein declared the party had become “an insurgent outlier” that rejected “facts, evidence and science” and didn’t accept the legitimacy of political opposition. In 2019 an international survey of experts rated parties around the world on their commitment to basic democratic principles and minority rights. The GOP, it turns out, looks nothing like center-right parties in other Western countries. Instead, it resembles authoritarian parties such as Hungary’s Fidesz or Turkey’s AKP. Such analyses have frequently been dismissed as alarmist. Even now, with Republicans expressing open admiration for Viktor Orbán’s one-party rule, I encounter people insisting the GOP isn’t

comparable to Fidesz. (Why not? Republicans have been gerrymandering state legislatures to lock in control no matter how badly they lose the popular vote, part of Orbán’s playbook.) Yet as Edward Luce of The Financial Times recently pointed out, “at every juncture over last 20 years the America ‘alarmists’ have been right.” Recently, we’ve received reminders of how extreme Republicans have become. The Jan. 6 hearings have been establishing, in damning detail, that the attack on the U.S. Capitol was part of a broader scheme to overturn the election, directed from the top. A Republican-stuffed Supreme Court has been handing down nakedly partisan rulings on abortion and gun control. And more shocks may come. The question that has been bothering me — apart from whether American democracy will survive — is why. Where is this extremism coming from? Comparisons with the rise of fascism in Europe between the wars are inevitable but not that helpful. Trump wasn’t another Hitler or even another Mussolini. True, Republicans like Marco Rubio routinely call Democrats — who are basically standard social democrats — Marxists, and it’s

tempting to match their hyperbole. The reality, however, is bad enough. And there’s another problem with comparisons to the rise of fascism. Right-wing extremism in interwar Europe arose from the rubble of national catastrophes, such as defeat in World War I. Nothing like that has happened here. Yes, we had a severe financial crisis in 2008, followed by a sluggish recovery. Yes, we’ve been seeing regional economic divergence, with some ugly consequences in regions left behind. But America has been through much worse in the past. Also, the Republican turn toward extremism began in the 1990s. Many people, I believe, have forgotten the political craziness of the Clinton years — the witch hunts and wild conspiracy theories (Hillary murdered Vince Foster!), the attempts to blackmail Bill Clinton into policy concessions by shutting down the government, and more. And all of this was happening during what were widely regarded as good years. I’ve been looking for historical precursors — cases in which right-wing extremism rose amid peace and prosperity. Consider the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in

the 1920s. It’s important to realize that while this organization took the name of the post-Civil War group, it was a new movement — a white nationalist movement to be sure, but far more widely accepted, and less of a pure terrorist organization. And it reached the height of its power — it effectively controlled several states — amid peace and an economic boom. What was this new KKK about? I’ve been reading Linda Gordon’s “The Second Coming of the K.K.K.: The Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s and the American Political Tradition,” which portrays a “politics of resentment” driven by the backlash of white, rural and small-town Americans against a changing nation. The KKK hated immigrants and “urban elites”; it was characterized by “suspicion of science” and “a larger anti-intellectualism.” Because GOP extremism is fed by resentment against things that, as I see it, make America great — our diversity, our tolerance for difference — it can only be defeated. *Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.*

## US must know Biden’s ’24 plans now

**By Matthew Yglesias**  
Bloomberg Opinion

If Joe Biden wants to run for reelection, he should say so clearly and soon — and then start acting like it. Alternatively, if the president is not sure he wants to run again, he should take that as a strong sign that he shouldn’t — and then make that announcement soon, too. The point, you may have noticed, is that whatever he does, he needs to do it soon. Yes, it’s abnormally early for an incumbent president to be making an official announcement. But for all modern incumbents, a reelection campaign has been a foregone conclusion. For Biden, it isn’t. And for many Democrats in Washington, the presumption now — partly because of his age (he’s 79) and partly because of his policies — is that he’s not running. Many Democrats see his tenure thus far as reflecting tendencies they usually see in a lame-duck president. He’s prioritized ambitious foreign policy goals — rallying the world against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine and fighting a trade war with China — over domestic issues such as inflation. He’s compromised his diversity goals to hand out senior jobs to old friends such as Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, and Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough, while simultaneously outsourcing most of the staff work to the left wing of the party. (The Office of Presidential Personnel, for example, is run by a former chief of staff to Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington.) None of this means that he won’t run for reelection. But it does mean that many who prefer a moderate “Bidenist” Democratic Party to a more progressive one believe that he won’t — and are currently casting around for alternatives to Vice President Kamala Harris. It continues to be the case, however, that the best standard-bearer for the Bidenist faction of the party is none other than Joe Biden himself. That means he has to become more like Primary Candidate Joe Biden — the one who prioritized popularity and electability over legacy items for the history books — and less like President Joe Biden, who in March 2021 convened a roundtable meeting with historians to discuss his potential legacy and his “think-big, go-big mentality.” This is the kind of thing presidents normally do in the March after they get reelected. That’s when they turn the page on practical politics in favor of efforts to define themselves in the eyes of history.



President Biden would be 82 on Election Day in November 2024. Above, Biden on Tuesday in Germany for the G-7 summit. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

It rarely works out. George W. Bush capped his reelection with a doomed push to privatize Social Security, prompting a huge public backlash, and a grandiose Second Inaugural Address that vowed the “untamed fire of freedom will reach the darkest corners of the world.” First-term Bush, like most first-term presidents, was more pragmatic and focused on giving the people what they wanted. Even at the height of his post-9/11 public approval, his administration focused on “compassionate conservative” agenda items such as including prescription drug coverage in Medicare and expanding eligibility for SNAP benefits. The hard-right pivot after reelection was supposed to leave a more lasting legacy, but it flopped politically. And that political failure helped discredit Bush-style politics in Republican circles. Barack Obama, similarly, was laser-focused on public opinion during his first term. He advanced progressive social and cultural causes, but consistently led “from behind,” ending the military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy in late 2010, when doing so was overwhelmingly popular, and only

endorsing marriage equality after advocates pushed its approval rating up above 50%. Not until his second term did he start throwing caution to the wind, taking big political risks for the sake of diplomatic breakthroughs with Cuba and Iran. The problem here was similar to that which Republicans had faced eight years earlier: While Obama didn’t need to stand for reelection again, other Democrats did. Fighting with the Israel lobby and Cuban emigres was politically costly. Donald Trump’s election in 2016 largely undid those legacy items, and even Biden’s presence in the White House can’t put the diplomatic Humpty Dumpty back together again. Now the Biden administration is being similarly reckless with its politics — hostile to fossil fuel extraction amid high energy costs, picking aggressive fights over transgender issues that could be easily ducked, and more focused on the benefits of student loan relief than on its impact on inflation. In retrospect, the historians’ advice to Biden to go big was borderline absurd. There’s a reason congressional Democrats

ran consistently weaker than his presidential campaign — a margin of the public was voting for Biden despite the progressive agenda, not because of it. Biden’s core promise was a return to normalcy and the expurgation of Trump from the political system. He’s actually delivered on more of this promise than most people realize, yet his historical legacy may still suffer. It could be something like: “Really high inflation discredited Democrats, allowing authoritarian elements in the Republican Party to regain control of the government.” The best way for Biden to secure his legacy would be to focus on popularity with the cold calculation of Bill Clinton and crush the opposition with the ruthlessness of LBJ. Of course if Biden truly doesn’t want to run again, then acting like a lame duck is probably unavoidable. But either way, the best thing for the country, and for Biden, would be for the president to clarify his plans and act decisively on them — sooner rather than later. *Distributed by Tribune Content Agency LLC.*

## The Constitution, like it or not, is more conservative than progressive

**By Ramesh Ponnuru**  
Bloomberg Opinion

Conservatives are, by and large, thrilled by the Supreme Court’s recent decisions. It has expanded gun rights, and ruled that states must include religious schools in voucher programs. It has also allowed states to ban abortion. We conservatives say that we favor these decisions not just because we favor the outcomes, but because they were right on the law. They reflect the text of the Constitution as its provisions were originally understood by the ratifying public. We go on to say, typically, that a conscientious judge should not make rulings with their policy preferences in mind. It has not escaped the notice of progressives, though, that conservative legal decisions and policy victories often go hand in hand. It is a pattern that makes them think conservatives are lying, maybe even to themselves, when they boast about “neutral” judicial methodology. The conservatives on the court are acting, they say, like conservative politicians wearing robes. They are advancing conservative policy goals while putting progressive ones further out of reach. It is surely true that conservatives’ views about what the law should say influence

their views about what it does say. Legal philosophies of originalism and textualism do not build an impregnable barrier between the two. But there is also a less embarrassing reason legal conservatism so often lines up with political conservatism: The US Constitution itself is conservative. What I mean is not that the Constitution requires the implementation of every sentence of the latest Republican platform or blocks everything in the Democratic one. The Constitution, on any reasonable reading, is clearly compatible with a lot of liberal political victories. But it also, much of the time, pushes in a direction that contemporary conservatives find more congenial than liberals. Other countries’ constitutions include long lists of positive rights that entitle citizens to welfare assistance from the government. Ours doesn’t. The Constitution’s structural elements — especially the multiple veto points it creates at the federal level — further constrain federal activism. At the same time, the Constitution, going strictly by its text and the original understanding of its provisions, leaves states with enormous leeway to impose laws regulating morality. Whether one agrees or disagrees with the Supreme Court’s decisions on guns and abortion, it is impossible to dispute that the Constitution explicitly

protects a right to keep and bear arms and does not have equivalent language about abortion. The Electoral College and the Senate give rural voters more power than they would have in a pure national democracy. The Constitution’s preoccupations, too, are more conservative than progressive: It’s written with obvious concern for the preservation of property rights and freedom of contract, and with no obvious concern for sexual freedom. These characteristics of our constitutional order don’t always favor conservatives: Once a liberal federal program has been enacted, for example, the multiple veto points protect it from abolition. But the general tendency is to favor conservatives over progressives, at least as these terms have been understood for the last century. What’s more, everyone, to some degree, already understands this. The conservatism of our Constitution is why people on the right are more likely to call themselves “constitutional conservatives” than people on the left are to call themselves “constitutional progressives.” It’s why progressives are much more likely than conservatives to describe the Constitution as fatally flawed or outmoded, and have been at least since Woodrow

Wilson’s time. It’s why, when conservatives seek to amend the Constitution, it is typically to restore an element of the original understanding of it. And it’s why liberals have been attracted to methods of constitutional interpretation that give them free rein to change the meaning of provisions so as, for example, to accord with “evolving standards of decency.” Even if conservatives and liberals on the bench were just as avid to reach the policy results they favor, the conservatives would not have to resort to such interpretive methods as much as liberals do. Conservatives flock to originalism not just because, in the abstract, it sounds like a compelling account of how laws should be read. They like it because, more than liberals, they generally approve of the Constitution as its provisions were originally understood. We might better understand the debates about court decisions and the dueling judicial philosophies underlying them if we recognized that conservatives and progressives have different attitudes toward the Constitution — and that these attitudes are perfectly rational given what each group wants out of government and politics. *Distributed by Tribune Content Agency LLC.*



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68 PRATT STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06103  
The business will be owned by: CAPITAL  
SPIRITS LLC Remonstrances/Objections  
must be filed by: 08/02/2022  
PRIANCA KAPADIA  
6/22, 6/29/2022 7236728

#### Request for Quotation #06-2206

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch  
invites vendors to submit quotations to pre-  
pare steam clean and chemically degrease  
the kitchen exhaust systems, ductwork and  
cooking equipment at two Judicial Branch  
facilities located in Hartford and Bridgeport,  
Connecticut.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 a.m.  
on Thursday, August 4, 2022. Late bids will  
not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER  
THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE  
PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing  
the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services  
web site at: [www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/  
busopp/](http://www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/)  
6/29/22 7241669

### STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Corinna DeCelles mother of child  
born on 04/04/22 to John Doe. of parts  
unknown

A petition has been filed seeking:  
Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above  
named or vesting of custody and care of said  
child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, pri-  
vate agency or a suitable and worthy person.  
Termination of Parental Rights in the above  
named minor child(ren).  
The petition, whereby the court's decision  
can affect your parental rights, if any,  
regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on  
07/07/22 at 2:00 PM at Superior Court,  
Juvenile Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford,  
CT.

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the  
hearing of this petition be given by publishing  
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon  
receipt, in Hartford Courant, a newspaper  
having circulation in the town/city of:  
Hartford, CT.  
Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy  
Signed: Tara Artis - Clerk  
Date Signed: 6/10/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to  
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an  
attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public  
Defender. Request for an attorney should be  
made immediately in person, by mail, or by  
fax at the court office where your hearing is  
to be held.  
6/29/2022 7241723

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: SELF STORAGE  
UNITS LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
SALE: Storage Sense Southington will hold  
an online auction to sell personal property  
described below belonging to the individual  
listed at the location indicated: 751 West  
Queen Street, Southington CT 06489 -  
7/1/22 2PM Unit 347 Jazmin Avila: Misc  
Furniture and household goods, frames and  
art, cooler, art supplies, dog cage, DVDs,  
misc boxes, 7/8/22 2PM Unit 213 Donald  
Bohman: bedding, books, bookcase, dress-  
ers, lamps, videogames, cigarette roller, misc  
furniture, bins and bags, kitchenware, jack-  
ets, cell phones, Auctions will be listed and  
advertised on [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com). Purchases  
must be made with cash only paid at the  
above referenced facility to complete the  
transaction. Storage Sense may refuse any  
bid and may rescind any purchase up until  
the winning bidder takes possession of the  
property.  
6/29/22 7241317

North Branford CT Minority Opportunity –  
Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/  
MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice:  
North Branford CT-North Branford New Police  
Station. Material Supply; flat stock metal.  
Our bid submits on Friday, July 8, 2022. If  
additional time is needed for your submis-  
sion please call our estimating department.  
Interested parties are asked to contact us at  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM UP TO ONE HUNDRED (100) VOUCHERS

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford  
(HACH) is accepting proposals from prop-  
erty owners for the Housing Choice Vouchers  
(Section 8) Project-based Voucher (PBV)  
program to be used to create new affordable  
housing opportunities for income eligible  
families in Hartford.

THIS IS NOT AN OFFER OF SECTION 8  
VOUCHERS FOR INDIVIDUALS.  
HACH is issuing a Request for Proposals  
(RFP) pursuant to Title 24, Chapter IX, Part  
983, of the Code of Federal Regulations, to  
support new housing opportunities in the City  
of Hartford. At the direction of the Board of  
Commissioners, HACH will commit up to one  
hundred (100) PBVs in a single round.

New construction and rehabilitation prior  
to placement will be considered alongside  
proposals for existing housing. Submitted  
proposals must be responsive to HACH's  
goal of deconcentrating poverty and expand-  
ing housing opportunities. No more than 25%  
of the dwelling units in a project may have  
PBV assistance, unless a recognized excep-  
tion is provided.

HACH's Request for Proposals package,  
including program requirements, submis-  
sion requirements, and selection criteria,  
is being released on June 22, 2022. It may  
be downloaded from HACH's website: [www.hartfordhousing.org](http://www.hartfordhousing.org).

HACH reserves the right to cancel this soli-  
citation, to reject all or part of any proposal, or  
to waive any term or condition in its solicita-  
tion. The proposal submission deadline is  
5:00 p.m., August 6, 2022. Written ques-  
tions may be submitted to HACH only via an  
e-mail to [bids@hartfordhousing.org](mailto:bids@hartfordhousing.org), through  
5 p.m. on July 25, 2022. Proposals may  
be submitted electronically only to [bids@hartfordhousing.org](mailto:bids@hartfordhousing.org)  
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### RFQ/RFP - Shubert Theatre

On behalf of CAPA (The Connecticut  
Association for the Performing Arts), SLAM  
Construction Services is accepting qualifica-  
tions & proposals from qualified Architectural  
firms for professional design and documenta-  
tion services for exterior masonry repointing  
of the Shubert Theatre building located at  
247 College Street in New Haven CT.  
This is a DECD funded project. Professional  
services are required to meet DECD state  
guidelines.

Proposals will be accepted by email until 10  
am, July 8, 2022. A single pdf copy of the  
proposal is to be sent to [tcutolo@slamcoll.com](mailto:tcutolo@slamcoll.com)  
and will not be opened publicly.  
A copy of the RFQ/RFP can be obtained by  
contacting Tanya Cutolo at [tcutolo@slamcoll.com](mailto:tcutolo@slamcoll.com)  
or downloaded through the following:  
[https://www.slamcollplans.com#/files/  
share/FC59245CFO](https://www.slamcollplans.com#/files/share/FC59245CFO)

Information or questions concerning this bid  
must be submitted by email on or before 5  
pm, July 6, 2022.

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ply. This contract is subject to state set-aside  
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<b>Bristol</b> Lauren A. Bigge Heather M. Little Dorothy E. Witkoski	<b>Newington</b> Linda Devito
<b>East Hampton</b> Pamela Lavalley	<b>Other Towns in CT</b> Carol A. Beverage Doris G. Dickinson Monty R. Null
<b>East Hartford</b> Heather M. Little	<b>Out of State</b> Kenneth W. Hooker Rr.
<b>Enfield</b> Ryan M. Smith	<b>Portland</b> Joan M. Furlong
<b>Farmington</b> Giuseppina Carlozzi	<b>Rocky Hill</b> Carmelina Failla
<b>Glastonbury</b> Ruth Grommeck	<b>Simsbury</b> Richard J. Lydon
<b>Granby</b> Richard J. Lydon	<b>Vernon</b> Doris G. Dickinson
<b>Hartford</b> Pamela Lavalley Monty R. Null Marilyn Tiggett	<b>West Hartford</b> Margaret A. Young
<b>Meriden</b> Benjamin M. Estey Joan M. Furlong	<b>Wethersfield</b> Wayne M. Lapenna Josephine C. Loomis
<b>New Britain</b> Giuseppina Carlozzi Onelia Procko Margaret A. Young	<b>Windsor Locks</b> Theresa Meyers

**\* Denotes name listing only.**  
**Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.**

OBITUARIES

Beverage, Carol A.

Carol A. Beverage, 83, of Stafford Springs, CT, wife of the late James C. Beverage, Sr., passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022. She was born in Fort Fairfield, ME, daughter of the late Ludrick and Adelaide (Lovely) Burtchell. Carol had worked at Evergreen Health Care Center in the housekeeping department for several years, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She is survived by her daughter, Debbie L. Beverage; son, James C. Beverage, Jr.; and sister, Reta Fallon. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church, 8 Church St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will follow in Stafford Springs Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 8 Church St., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)

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Grommeck, Ruth (Ulrich)



Ruth (Ulrich) Grommeck, 84, of Glastonbury, CT passed away peacefully at home on Sunday (June 26, 2022) after a three year battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born July 22, 1938 in New Rochelle, NY, daughter of the late Adolf and Elsie (Eisele) Ulrich. Ruth is survived by her beloved family including husband Herbert E. Grommeck and her beloved daughters, Karen Pennington of Tolland, CT and Suzanne Anziano of Killingworth, CT, Son-in-law Richard Anziano, grandchildren Nicole, Emily, and Jacob Pennington; Dominic, Emma, and Adam Anziano, great grandchild Amora Pennington, and sister Anne Rudolph. She will be deeply missed by her extended family and friends.

After graduating from New Rochelle High School in 1956, Ruth attended Russell Sage College in Troy, NY where she earned a BS in Chemistry with high honors and was class treasurer. Upon graduating she was employed by American Cyanamid in Stanford, CT as a Chemist synthesizing chemical compounds for use as solid rocket propellants. On Sept. 10, 1961 Ruth was married to Herbert E. Grommeck and started a lifetime relationship of almost 61 years. Their first home together was in East Lansing, Michigan where she worked in the Food Science Laboratory at Michigan State University doing analysis of food products, while Herb completed his Master's degree. After moving to Connecticut in 1962 Ruth worked at the Fuller Brush Company in East Hartford as an Analytical Chemist, and later at Heublein, Inc. in Hartford, CT as a computer programmer.

Ruth was very active in the communities in which she lived. In CT she was a member of the Evergreen Country Gardeners where she advanced her passion for flower arranging and was a frequent flower show exhibitor and judge. She was awarded the title of Judge Emeritus by the Flower Show Judges Council of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT. She was a member of the Glastonbury Grange, and a founding member of the Minnechaug Swim and Tennis Club where she enjoyed playing tennis and teaching her children how to swim. Eastern Star was a very important part of Ruth's life in retirement, where she was an active member and especially enjoyed cooking dinners for large groups. She was a Past Matron and Past Secretary of Good Intent Chapter #17, Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Grand Officer and Past Grand Representative to Manitoba, Canada, of the OES Grand Chapter of Connecticut. While spending time at their Andes, NY home Ruth enjoyed gardening, fruit picking, and making homemade preserves. She loved gifting her jelly to loved ones. While wintering in Florida, Ruth enjoyed playing Mah Jong, doing water aerobics, and shelling while enjoying the beach.

Ruth's faith was very important to her, and she was a faithful member of South United Methodist in Manchester and Port Charlotte United Methodist churches. Her service includes being a past president of the United Methodist Women group. She cherished her many lifelong church friends who strengthened her faith through the years.

Ruth's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday June 30,5-7 p.m.at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury with the Order of the Eastern Star service at 6:45.

The Funeral Service will be at the South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main Street, Manchester, CT, at 11:00 am on Friday July 1. Interment will be on Saturday July 2 at the Andes Cemetery, Andes, NY.

In lieu of flowers, Ruth's family is requesting that donations be made to South United Methodist Church (1266 Main Street, Manchester CT 06040) or Evergreen Country Gardeners, c/o Carolyn Mitchell, 6 Brimfield Way, Rocky Hill, CT. 06067. For online condolences please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).

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OBITUARIES

Carlozzi, Giuseppina (Ricciardi)



Giuseppina "Giosi" (Ricciardi) Carlozzi, 92, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Avon Health Center. Giosi was the widow of the late Carlo Carlozzi, Sr., her beloved husband of 57 years. Giosi, born May 26, 1930 in New Britain, was the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Rosa (Barile) Ricciardi.

In July 1931, due to the depression, her family moved to their ancestral home in Italy. Giosi grew up in Campodipietra, Province of Campobasso (Molise), Italy. As a child, she learned the importance of family, hard work and love of her church. In 1951, she returned to New Britain. She was a very talented seamstress and worked for 42 years at Mario Valenti/American Bazaar in New Britain. Even at home, she loved to spend time at her treasured Necchi sewing machine, making clothes for herself, family and friends. She was often called on to help others with sewing projects, never charging for her work. She had a vast collection of fabrics, patterns, threads and buttons.

The house was always full of Italian music, especially opera, the kitchen had the sweet smells of homemade pasta, bread, pizza and treats and the sauce was made from the over 100 tomato plants from the garden. Her kitchen was truly the heart of the home and was always full of extended family and friends who would just drop over for a visit. They never left hungry. Giosi and her late husband Carlo had season tickets to The Connecticut Opera for over 20 years courtesy of their son Frank and his wife Jane. When the Connecticut Opera ceased operations, her daughter Linda treated her with season tickets to The Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center in New York City. She knew all the operas and arias. She was a member of the Angelo Tomasso, Sr. Lodge, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and the Campodipietra Mutual Benefit Society and was a member of St Jerome Church for over 60 years.

To mourn her passing, Giosi leaves two sons and a daughter, Frank M. and Jane (Meyer) Carlozzi of Farmington; Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. of New Britain and Linda Carlozzi of Pelham, NY. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Brian J. and Madeline (McLennon) Carlozzi of Kingston, NY and Amanda (Carlozzi) and Philip Berry of Longmeadow, MA and her beloved great granddaughter, Siena Berry, who always put a smile on her face. She also leaves behind cousins, nieces and nephews all across the country, Italy and Australia. She was predeceased by her sister, Sr. Angela Ricciardi (Sisters of the Providence) Portieux, France; brother Frank and Stella (Pagano) Ricciardi, Sudbury, MA; sister Emilia and Amedeo Francalanga of New Britain, and her beloved cousin, who was regarded as a sister, the late Serafina (Ricciardi) Carlone of Brooklyn, NY. Giosi was also predeceased by her in-laws, brother in-law Michele and his wife Teresa Carlozzi, and two sister in-laws, Marianna (Carlozzi) D'Avirro and Rosa Carlozzi. The family wishes to express its most sincere gratitude to the medical professionals who cared for Giosi and especially to the nurses, CNAs and staff at Avon Health Center for their compassionate and loving care over the last couple of months. A very special thank you to Bogusia, who was her home health aide for over 4 years.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 South Main St., New Britain, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St Katherine Drexel Parish, St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. Entombment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain. Calling hours will be on Friday, July 1, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to The Italian Welfare League "I Nostri Bambini" 8 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021 [www.italianwelfareleague/support-iwl](http://www.italianwelfareleague/support-iwl). Please share a memory of Giosi with the family in the on-line guest book [www.ericksonhansen.com](http://www.ericksonhansen.com).

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Lydon, Richard James



Richard James Lydon, age 85 of Simsbury, CT formerly of Granby, CT, died peacefully on Sunday, June 26, at McLean Health Center in Simsbury, CT after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Elaine Quenneville Lydon of Simsbury, CT. He was the son of the late Thomas and Florence (Fitzpatrick) Lydon of Boston, MA. He was predeceased by a brother Raymond

of Charlton, MA, and a former sister-in-law Joyce Lydon of Windsor, CT. Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Lois "Sandee" Gillis of Wellington, NV and her son Gregory Gillis of CA, his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Alison Lydon, and a grandson Edward "Ted" Lydon of Hebron, CT. He also leaves a daughter and son-in-law Tracy and Todd Michael and two granddaughters, Sarah Michael and Katie Michael of West Suffield, CT. Richard also leaves a very special nephew, Craig Lydon and his wife Susan of Suffield along with their children Marisa and Jack Lydon. Also a loving niece Linda Lydon of Suffield, CT. Richard served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 through 1958. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts (Lowell) in 1963 receiving a degree in Nuclear Engineering. Upon graduation he went to work for Electric Boat in Groton for a few years then moved on to ABB Combustion Engineering and Alston, Inc. in Windsor, CT from 1966 to 1995, followed by Duracell, Inc. of Bethel, CT until his retirement in 2000. He was a past member of the Granby Public Library Board, the Democratic Town Committee of Granby, and the Charter Revision Committee of Granby. Richard was a longtime member of the American Radio Relay League. Richard was an avid reader and enjoyed doing woodworking and electronics in his spare time. He loved volunteering at the New England Air Museum and conversing on his HAM radio many hours a week with his buddies. His favorite pastimes were keeping up with his large yard on Trout Drive in Granby, working in his garage and yard at the Gables in Granby and his small lakefront cabin on Center Pond in Becket, MA. Richard's family will receive friends on Thursday June 30, 2022, from 4-7PM at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook Street, Granby, CT 06035. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10:00AM at St. Therese Church, 120 W. Granby, Road, Granby, CT 06035. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to the Granby Public Library, 15 N. Granby Rd., Granby, CT 06035 or The Granby Ambulance Association, 1 Pegville Rd., Granby, CT 06035. For condolences please visit [www.carmon-funeralhome.com](http://www.carmon-funeralhome.com).

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Tiggett, Marilyn (Grant)

Marilyn Grant-Tiggett of Hartford,CT. Went home to her Heavenly Father June 20,2022.

Services: 7/1/22 @ Shiloh Baptist Church  
350 Albany Ave. Hartford, CT.  
10-11am/ 11a-12p. Burial will be in MT. View Cemetery, Bloomfield.

For online Condolences visit [Allfaithmemorial.com](http://Allfaithmemorial.com)

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DeVito, Linda (Squire)



Linda Squire DeVito, 66, passed away on June 11th, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents, Bill and Ruth Squire, and two sisters, Laurie and Bonnie. She is survived by her husband, Michael, her son, Billy, and her sister, Donna Doyle. A memorial service will be held on July 9th, 2022 from 11-3 in Hubbard Hall of St. John's

Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT. You are invited to make a donation in her memory to the National Association for Children of Addiction at [nacoa.org/donate](http://nacoa.org/donate) in lieu of sending flowers.

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Failla, Carmelina



It is with great sadness that the family of Carmelina "Millie" Failla, of Rocky Hill, CT announces her death in the early morning hours of June 27, 2022 at the age of 95. June 27th is the birthday of Millie's late son, Michael Failla. It seems clear to us that Millie died on Michael's birthday date, so that she could bake him a cake.

Michael – please share the cake with Dad, Marge, Frank, Nancy, and Paul!

Millie was true to who she was, right up to moment of death. She loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. She always said she hoped to die peacefully in her sleep. God listened to her, and she got what she wished for. Everyone loved Millie and this is how they described her: cheerful; pleasant; accepting; kind; welcoming; social; helpful; optimistic; joyful; and fully engaged in the world around her.

Millie was predeceased by her husband, Louis J. Failla (1998); her daughter, Nancy Morin (2014); her son-in-law, Paul Manship (2018); and her son, Michael Failla (2019). Millie's memory will be kept alive and cherished by her daughter Jane Canfield & husband Don Canfield; their children Chris & Caitlin Canfield & grandson Patrick Canfield; Britt Canfield & Andrew Strniste; Michelle Canfield & Peter Fabrizio. Millie also leaves her daughter Laura Manship; and Laura's children Emma Reilly & Hannah Smith; and Gregory Reilly. In addition, Millie leaves her son-in-law Rob Morin & Jenn Morin; and her grandchildren Robert & Alexa (& great-grandchild Robby); Andrew & Samantha; Daniel; and Joseph, Jeremy & Carly Hassett. Millie also leaves her son-in-law Ed Reilly & Kate Reilly.

Millie was born on October 14, 1926 in Middletown; grew up in Hartford; and then lived in Rocky Hill for 57 years. She was the 5th of 10 children, born to Luigi and Concetta Rafala. She is predeceased by all of her siblings, except for her brother, Louis Rafala, sister-in-law Phyllis Rafala, and brother-in-law Rege Cassidy. Millie had 62 nieces and nephews; many cousins; a multitude of friends; and too many grandnieces and nephews to count. As her siblings passed away, she naturally stepped into the role of "family matriarch" and somehow managed to stay in touch with everyone in her family. If anyone wanted to know the name of "who married who? And what were their kids' names?" -- just ask Millie. Right up to the day that she died, Millie knew what was going on with everyone in the family. Millie was a long time member of the Rocky Hill Senior Center, where she attended 3 times per week and held many roles, among them being responsible for sending out congratulatory as well as sympathy cards. Millie sang with the Rocky Hill Senior Serenaders group for many years. It was just 3 years ago, at the age of 92, that Millie gave up her driver's license; ended her singing and Senior Center activities; sold her house; and moved into an assisted living apartment. Millie never complained about the losses and changes in her life, and instead embraced her new home. Even though she was one of the oldest residents there, she earned the informal title of "Ambassador" due to her warm outreach to the other residents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you make a donation to a charity of your choice or do what Millie always did – spread a little love by calling someone and brightening their day.

Friends and family are invited to join us in celebrating Millie's life at a Wake at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, on Friday July 1st from 4-7:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held for Millie at St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church, 767 Elm St. Rocky Hill, on Saturday July 2nd, at 11:00 am, followed by a burial in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com).

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Meyers, Theresa



Theresa (Mele) Meyers, 95, of Windsor Locks, beloved widow of Jesse A. Meyers died Monday, June 27, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Theresa was born in Hartford on July 16, 1926 to Orazio and Carmela (Delgrosso) Mele. She resided in Windsor Locks and was a parishioner of St. Roberts of Bellarmine. She enjoyed arts

and crafts, cake decorating, spending time with her family and was a fiercely strong and independent woman. Many appreciated and cherished her creative greeting cards, most of which featured original artwork or flowers that she grew. She is survived by her son, Jamie Meyers of Canton; her sister, Anne Pié of Berlin; her nieces and nephews, Daniel E. Sullivan of Fayetteville, AR, Steve Sullivan of Brandon, MS, Brian Sullivan of Poughkeepsie, NY, Suzanne Edgardo of Berlin, CT, Michele Johnson of Renton, WA, and Elizabeth Edgardo of Hartford, CT. She was predeceased by her husband Jesse in 2014. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Theresa may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Relatives and friends may join the family on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 52 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks, CT. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. For online condolences please visit [www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com](http://www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com).

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Young, Margaret A.

Margaret A. Young, 83, of West Hartford, Ct., died Monday, June 20, 2022 at Autumn Lake, New Britain. Margaret was born in Bronx, N.Y. and was the daughter of the late George A. and Florence (Bates) Young. She worked for several years as a toll taker for the State of CT. In addition to her parents, Margaret was predeceased by her friend, Anna Chaika.

Funeral rites for Margaret will be held Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10 am at South Congregational Church, 277 Main St, Hartford, CT There are no calling hours. Committal service and final resting place will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, 580 Elm St, Rocky Hill, CT. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT [www.shakerfuneralhome.com](http://www.shakerfuneralhome.com)

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OBITUARIES

Little, Heather Marie



Heather Little, 41, of Bristol, CT passed away on Saturday June 11, 2022. Heather was born in Bristol, CT on July 22, 1980 to Pamela (Ross) Barber and Berkley L. Little. She graduated from Bristol Central High School in 1998. Heather is survived by her mother Pamela Barber and her husband Michael of Tuscaloosa, AL; her father Berkley L. Little and his wife Lisa of East Hartford, CT; her brother Jeffrey Little and his wife Janet, of Bristol, CT; maternal grandmother Gloria Ross of Bristol, CT; paternal step grandmother Carol Benson of East Hartford, CT. Heather also leaves behind her niece, step niece and nephews; Mackenzie, Makayla, Jonathan, Joshua, and Jadon. Heather is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins, including Bethany Michaud her special cousin that donated a kidney giving Heather several additional years of happiness. She was predeceased by grandparents Raymond Ross, Eleanor and Berkley Little, and Aunt Jennifer Ross all of Bristol. Heather fought Lupus and its effects for most of her life. She enjoyed crocheting, gaming, and was a collector. She loved being with family and friends, and always had a quipping remark. Special thanks to the many doctors and nurses who cared for her over the years of her illness. In lieu of flowers the family requests you make donations to the Lupus Foundation of America or the National Kidney Foundation. A private Memorial Celebration will be held at a later date.

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Loomis, Josephine C. (Zocco)



Josephine C. Loomis, born in Brooklyn, New York 7/2/37, widow of Richard G. Loomis, of Wethersfield, CT, passed away peacefully on 6/20/22. Predeceased by her parents, husband, sister and grandson Jeremiah ("Miah"). Survived by daughters, Barbara and Patricia, grandsons, Robert, Russell, Izaiah, 5 great grandsons, Robert Joseph, Landon, Jaxton, Alexander, Jayden, and a host of family members and friends. Josephine enjoyed country music/dancing, crocheting, arts and crafts, anything "Elvis", social gatherings involving friends and family. Life well lived. Services will be private.

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Hooker Rr., Kenneth W.



Wales, MA-Kenneth W. Hooker Jr., age 79, of Wales, MA, died peacefully and comfortably in his home on June 20, 2022. Born in Rochester, NY on November 10, 1942, to the late Kenneth Ward Hooker and Mary (Mitchell) Hooker, he was the middle child and only son of five children. Mr. Hooker was raised in Lewisburg, PA, and summered in a treasured family home in Canandaigua, NY, throughout his life. A graduate of Bucknell University, he also attended the Brookings Institution. Professionally, Mr. Hooker is well remembered as a reporter and editor at the Hartford Courant, longtime editor of New England Business Magazine, and a syndicated columnist for the Boston Globe (Financial Q&A with Kenneth Hooker). An insatiable reader his entire life, Mr. Hooker amassed a collection of the American humorists, and in his retirement became an antiquarian book dealer. He founded and ran The Wayward Bookman, named for A. J. Liebling's "The Wayward Pressman", in a former gas station building in Wales, MA. Mr. Hooker was an adventurous man with many hobbies and abilities. He raised pigs and chickens at home at one point, taught English at his children's elementary school, participated in community theater, built houses on the family property in Canandaigua, and libraries in his children's homes. He enjoyed country music, art, and collecting knives, as well as driving a tractor, even in his old age. Mr. Hooker will be remembered for his intelligence, dry wit, irreverent sense of humor, loyalty, and family devotion. He was a mentor to his employees and admired by all who knew him. He will never be forgotten. A beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, he is survived by his loving wife of 32 years Stephanie Della Cagna-Hooker. Mr. Hooker is also survived by his 6 children from previous marriages: Lucia Huntington of Cambridge and Britt Gappelberg of Lexington, MA (children from marriage to Jacqueline Broekhuysen), Miranda Hooker of Arlington, MA, Emily Hooker, Noah Hooker, and adopted daughter Analisa Madrone, all of Berkeley, CA (children from marriage to Elaine Jackson). Mr. Hooker was the brother of Pamela Hart of Cambridge, MA, Alice Hooker and Saralinda Hooker, of Canandaigua, NY, and Marianne Hooker of New Castle, PA. Mr. Hooker was the cherished grandfather of Sophia, Jacob, and Eric Medoff (deceased) of Cambridge, MA, and Stella and Alexei Mayer, of Berkeley, CA. A part of a large family, Mr. Hooker had seven nieces and nephews, many cousins, including Samuel B. Payne Jr. of Canandaigua NY, and a large extended family. He was a direct descendent of Rev. Thomas Hooker, an early settler of our country, who founded Connecticut. Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mark Twain Foundation. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

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IN MEMORIAM

Null, Monty Ray



Monty Ray Null, 85, died on June 17, 2022 after a long Alzheimers battle and hard two-week struggle with Covid in his home in Treasure Island, FL. Born Sept 22, 1936 Jennings OK, the youngest of 11 children, he grew up in Oilton OK and Avenal CA, graduated Avenal High 1953 and joined the National Guard training at Fort Hood TX 1954, after which he joined the US Navy. He completed Basic Training in San Diego and Submarine Training, rank IC, in Groton CT, stationed in Key West FL on the Submarine USS Spikefish. After the military he was a small business owner; Mark Supply (Hartford), Industrial Pavers in (Tampa) and Super Scoops Ice Cream Shop (Treasure Island, FL). When not working he could be seen taking his favorite companion, his dog Sage, for multiple walks every day. He was heartbroken when she passed last year. In 1958 he married Joyce Carol Lopol (New Britain CT). In Vernon CT they had 3 children; Cynthia (1958), Lynette (1963) and Stacey (1970). He and Joyce divorced 1975. He married Diane Lynn (Formaggoni-Russet) of Simsbury, CT in 1975, in Glastonbury he adopted her 2 children Heidi (1969) and Christy (1971). He moved Diane, Christy, Heidi and Heidi's family to Treasure Island FL in 1997. In addition to his parents, Arthur (at 73/1961) and Russia (at 78/1970) he is predeceased in death by his daughters Cynthia (at 1/1959) and Christy (at 36/2007); his siblings Bernard Null (at 77 /1988) Pearl (Null) Harp (at 88/2000), Gordon Null (at 38/1938), Albert Null (at 87/2005), Mildred (Null) Delancy (at 82/2001), Preston Null (at 81/2003), William Null (at 85/2009), Norma (Null) Loudermilk (at 71/1997), Connie (Null) Hilton (at 82/2015). He is survived by his brother Larry Null, Florence OR, his three daughters Lynette Wilson, Stacey (now Rolland Trent), and Heidi Andrew, her husband Kevin and their three children Brittany, Kevin Jr and Cody Andrew and as well as his wife, Diane plus numerous nieces and nephews. He has donated his body to Science Care. There will be no public services. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to your local Humane Society in honor of Sage, his faithful companion.

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In Loving Memory Of  
**MARGRARET O'NEILL WALLACE "MARTI"**  
12/6/1941 - 6/29/1982

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Dickinson, Doris G. (Caouette)



Doris G. Caouette Dickinson of Rockville, CT passed away on June 27th, 2022.

She was born on January 23rd, 1925 to the late Emile Caouette and Hermina (Fradette) Caouette. Doris was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church in Rockville and lived in Rockville most of her life. She moved to

Vermont to be closer to her daughters in her later years.

Doris leaves behind two daughters, Irene Murphy and Jeanne Dickinson, who live in Vermont, and a son Paul Dickinson and his wife Linda who live in Georgia. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Fredrick, Spencer, Heather, Samuel and Bailey, and a very dear nephew and godson, Joseph Maynard.

She was predeceased by her husband, Everett, and by her brothers Aime, Leo, Ray, and Armand Caouette, and her two sisters Claire Gonyea and Irene Maynard.

Calling hours are Thursday, July 7th 4:00-6:00pm at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St. Rockville. The funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am on Friday, July 8th at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville. A graveside service will be held at St. Bernard's Cemetery immediately afterwards. Charitable donations may be made on her behalf to the donor's choice.

For online condolences please visit: [www.pietrasfuneralhome.com](http://www.pietrasfuneralhome.com)

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Furlong, Joan Marie

Joan Marie (Rogers) Furlong, 84, daughter of the late Joseph W. Rogers, Sr., and Viola (Voss) Modi, passed peacefully with family by her side on April 15, 2022; Joan had been lovingly and compassionately cared for by the staff of the Curtis Home in Meriden for the last four years of her life. Born in Portland, CT, on June 30, 1937, Joan graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown and later attained a degree in business from Post College. Joan retired from her career as a Commercial Insurance Underwriter at Peerless Insurance Company in 1999. Predeceased by her husband Richard Furlong, she is survived by daughters Sharon (Scionti) Donelli and Lea Furlong, as well as her sons, Richard Scionti and Robert Furlong. In addition to her sons-in-law, Chris Donelli and Charles Snipes, and daughter-in-law Janice Murad, Joan also leaves a total of nine grandchildren: Lauren, Daniel, Katie, Jacob, Steven, Megan, Julianna, Benjamin, and Sebastian; and nine great grandchildren: Cameron, Declan, Nolan, Gavin, Alexandra, Chloe, Luke, Jacob, and Malina. Joan is also survived by her brother, Joseph W. Rogers, Jr., and sister Karen (Rogers) Langenderfer. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Prior to Joan's long battle with early-onset dementia, she enjoyed life's simple pleasures – music, word games, walks on the beach, time with family, and many trips to Florida with her best friend and sister-in-law Betty Tardiff. She loved learning and travel, and proudly reveled in her children's accomplishments. Joan's inner and outer beauty was evident to all who had the privilege to know and befriend her. She will be dearly missed. In honor of Joan's wishes, private services will be held. Friends and extended family are warmly invited to leave sentiments or memories on Biega Funeral Home's Online please visit [www.biega-funeralhome.com](http://www.biega-funeralhome.com).

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LaValley, Pamela (Robie)



Pamela LaValley died Saturday, near her beloved home in East Hampton, Connecticut. She was 74 years old.

Born Pamela Robie in 1947 to parents Richard and Connie Robie, she grew up in Hingham, Massachusetts, where in fourth grade she determined she would be a teacher. Following that path, after graduating Hingham High School in 1965 she received an Associates Degree from Lasell Junior College in 1967, a Bachelors degree in elementary education from Boston State College in 1969, and a Masters Degree in education from the University of Hartford in 1973.

From 1969 to 1973 Pam taught second grade and kindergarten in Cohasset, Massachusetts and Hartford, Connecticut before starting a family. After marrying, Pam had three children; Jason, born in 1973, Bethany, born in 1975, and Matthew, born in 1976.

Returning to teaching in 1980 as an entrepreneur, she started The School House pre-school in Newington, CT, largely to have the flexibility to be there for her own young sons. As they got older, she returned to teach at the Kennelly School in Hartford, from 1987 before retiring in 2012.

Pam was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Connie, her sister Nancy, and her daughter Bethany. She leaves behind her son Jason, his wife Rebecca, their sons Jackson, Noah, and Bowen, and her son Matthew and his husband Nick. She also leaves behind a large number of nieces, nephews, and loving family members.

Pam described the joy of her life as seeing her sons as grown men. She was a gifted teacher, loving mother and grandmother, faithful aunt, and strong friend.

A memorial service celebrating her life (but with "no puffing!") will be held on July 2 at 11 o'clock at Christ Church Episcopal in Middle Haddam Connecticut, followed by a private burial in Waldoboro, Maine.

Hall's of Waldoboro has care of the arrangements. To extend online condolences visit their Book of Memories at [www.hallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hallfuneralhomes.com).

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In Loving Memory Of  
**HANNAH ELIZABETH PATRIE**



12/16/1996 - 6/29/2012

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts, you're always there.  
-Unknown

Love, Dad, Mom, Brendan & Tara



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Procko, Onelia Bonola



Onelia (Bonola) Procko, 98, of New Britain, died peacefully Monday at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Bridgewater, MA, she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Ersilia (Pasina) Bonola and wife of the late Nicholas Procko. Onelia lived in New Britain most of her life. She was the wife of the late Nicholas Procko who passed away in 2003. Onelia was an active member of St. Joseph's Church. She also volunteered for many years at Smith School helping the Kindergarten classes and received awards for her service. She worked many years at JC Penney at the West Farms Mall. Onelia is survived by her children; son Ronald Procko of New Britain, and daughter Beverly and her husband David Melenski of Bristol. She is also survived by six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband she was predeceased by her son Thomas Procko. Funeral Services for Onelia will be held Friday (July 1) with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM at the Divine Providence Parish (St. Joseph Church) 195 South Main Street New Britain. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, 1141 Stanley Street. Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Friday from 9:45 – 10:45 AM at the Farrell Funeral Home, 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of donor's choice. To send a condolence or share a memory, please visit, [www.FarrellFuneralHome.com](http://www.FarrellFuneralHome.com)

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Witkoski, Dorothy E.



Bristol - Mrs. Dorothy E. (Simms) Witkoski, 87, passed away June 27, 2022, at The Pines of Bristol. She was the widow of Edward J. Witkoski. Dorothy was born on August 25, 1934, the daughter of the late John and Julia (Martin) Simms. He is survived by two sons, Ronald Witkoski and his Fiancé Judith Plawecki-Dick of Bristol and Gerald Witkoski and his Fiancé Kym Gill of Florida, a sister-in law, Dorothy Baxter of Southington and 2 Grandchildren, Ryan and Jordan, several nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank The Pines of Bristol for all the care given to Dorothy over the past few years. Graveside service will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 1:30 PM at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. Dunn Funeral Home 191 West St., Bristol, CT. In of flowers, donations can be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation 366 Main St. Terryville, CT 06786. [www.Dunnfh.com](http://www.Dunnfh.com)

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ELECTION 2022

## Hrezi loses ballot bid in 1st District

Judge rules against East Hartford Dem seeking to petition his way into primary race vs. Larson

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

Muad Hrezi, an East Hartford Democrat challenging U.S. Rep. John Larson for the 1st District congressional nomination, has lost an effort in court to be placed on the ballot for a primary election. Hrezi failed to win sufficient support at the state Democratic convention in May to primary Larson, who won the party nomination. Hrezi then tried to petition

his way onto the ballot.

When the petition drive fell short, Hrezi sued Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, demanding that his name be placed on the ballot and claiming the shortfall was the result of delay by Merrill's office and other difficulties caused by the COVID pandemic.

Superior Court Judge Cesar Noble ruled against Hrezi late last week. Noble said Hrezi could have avoided delay by appearing in person to pick up petition forms



Hrezi

rather than waiting for Merrill's office to email them. "Even if Hrezi's testimony were to be accepted, which it is not, that he was told (Merrill's office) would email him the petition forms, they were nevertheless available for him to receive," the judge wrote. "(State election law) does not mandate delivery of the petition forms, only their availability."

Hrezi said in a statement that he would appeal. "The case's facts are clear and

on our side," Hrezi said. "I specifically asked and received confirmation from the Secretary's office that the petition forms would be sent to me via email, and I even wrote and rewrote my email on my application per the office's instruction. Yet, I didn't receive the form until more than two days later. Had our campaign received the full forty-two days, we're confident we would've surpassed the signature requirement."

Hrezi also is challenging what he calls overly restrictive state ballot access laws. Arguments over the law are scheduled in July.

Larson said in a statement

Monday that he is concentrating on the general election.

"Judge Noble's ruling on Friday clearly and definitively denied Mr. Hrezi's claims that the state was to blame for his failure to qualify. Specifically, Judge Noble found that the Secretary of the State's office and local Registrars had followed the law. Now, it is my intention to focus on this consequential general election, so we address the vital challenges that confront us."

"While constitutional issues with regard to state statutes have also been raised, those matters will be left up to the court to resolve."

## Stanley exiting energy sector

Black & Decker looks to streamline with another divestiture

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

Stanley Black & Decker Inc. announced Tuesday the sale of its Stanley Oil & Gas segment, exiting the volatile energy sector as it continues to streamline its business.

The New Britain tool manufacturer did not disclose the terms of the sale, but said it expects a charge of approximately \$125 to \$200 million related to the write-down of its Oil & Gas net assets.

The pending sale of Stanley Oil & Gas includes pipeline services and equipment businesses CRC-Evans Pipeline International, Pipeline Induction Heat Ltd. and Stanley Inspection. The units generated revenue of about \$140 million in 2021.

"The sale of our oil and gas business builds on our strategic commitment to streamlining our company to focus on our core Tools & Outdoor and Industrial businesses," said Don Allan, president and chief financial officer.

The "portfolio simplification" is intended to drive innovation, growth and profitability, he said.

Stanley Oil & Gas provides pipeline services and equipment in more than 100 countries, offshore and onshore, delivering equipment and other resources for pipeline contractors.

Stanley Black & Decker has announced it's divesting its commercial electronic security and health care businesses and sold its mechanical locks business in 2019.

At the same time, it's building on its tools business and expanding the outdoor products category and Industrial segment in engineered fastening and infrastructure.



Attorney Benjamin Crump, center, joined the family of Richard Cox outside the courthouse in New Haven on Tuesday. MIKE MAVREDAKIS/HARTFORD COURANT

## A call for humanity

Lawyers, family seek justice for New Haven man paralyzed in police custody

By Mike Mavredakis  
Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN — The message was humanity. Their signs called for justice, but their words called for humanity.

Family members, legal counsel, local government and members of the NAACP gathered on the steps in front of the New Haven Superior Court on Church Street on Tuesday morning calling for justice for Richard "Randy" Cox, who was paralyzed while in police custody on June 19. They held up signs reading "Justice for Randy Cox" in different variations, many with a picture of him accompanying the message.

Now his family and lawyers are asking for accountability from those involved and changes from the New Haven Police Department.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump is representing the 36-year-old New Haven man and his family. Crump has worked on many high-profile police brutality and wrongful death cases, representing the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery and many others.

"I am here because when I looked at that video, it shocks my conscience," Crump said. "And I believe when you all see that video, it's going to shock your conscience. The only question is, why would the police look at Randy Cox saying, 'I can't move,' why doesn't it shock their conscience?"

Crump asked why the officer did not "give him the benefit of humanity" while he was in their custody.

While Cox was being transported following an arrest, New Haven

police officer Oscar Diaz made a hard stop to avoid a crash. The stop threw Cox into the wall of the transport van headfirst, according to video footage from the incident released by police.

There were no seat belts in the vehicle, only loops and a bar to hold on to while handcuffed.

Diaz pulled over to check on him and then called for medical attention but drove to the detention facility to meet them. Protocol for an injured detainee is to pull over and wait there for medical treatment.

Then once they arrived at the facility minutes later, Diaz described the incident to Sgt. Betsy Segui. Detention facility officers removed Cox from the van and held him up since he could not move. They put him in a wheelchair and processed him, according to police.

Then Cox slid out of the wheelchair and told officers that he thought he broke his neck. Officers picked him up and carried him by his arms to a holding cell, where emergency services arrived and provided aid shortly after.

He was then taken to Yale New Haven for surgery, police said.

Five police personnel have been put on paid leave while the investigations are ongoing. Diaz and Segui were placed on leave last Tuesday following the incident. Officers Ronald Pressley, Jocelyn Lavandier and Luis Rivera were also put on paid leave last Thursday, according to New Haven Acting Chief Regina Rush-Kittle. All three were present at the detention facility and involved in the processing of Cox.

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## Finally, they're 'Ready to Run'

The Chicks talk touring, COVID and the quirky way they pick old songs

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

In 2020, The Chicks released "Gaslighter," their first album of new songs in 14 years. They hadn't disappeared — there were two live albums and a greatest hits set in the past decade or so, popular collaborations with Beyoncé and Taylor Swift and international tours.

Yet "Gaslighter" marked a new era for the "Wide Open Spaces" and "Cowboy Take Me Away" hitmakers. It's the first album they've made since changing their name (from The Dixie Chicks) in 2020, and it was produced by Jack Antonoff, known for his work with female pop stars as diverse as Swift, St. Vincent, Florence and the Machine and Tegan and Sara.

The "Gaslighter" tour was delayed two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's finally



Opening night of The Chicks' "Gaslighter" tour at Hollywood Casino Amphitheater in Maryland Heights, Missouri, on June 14. The Chicks play Hartford's Xfinity Theater on Thursday. KEVIN MAZUR/GETTY

happening, with a show Thursday at Hartford's Xfinity Theater. But the reentry hasn't gone completely smoothly. A show had to be cut short last week, and two others were postponed when lead vocalist Natalie Maines found herself unable to sing.

Maines was resting her voice

last week and unable to take part in interviews, but The Chicks' other two members, sisters Martie Maguire and Emily Strayer, spoke with the Courant via Zoom from their Texas homes about what it's like to be touring again.

Turn to Chicks, Page 2

## Suspect arrested in shooting of toddler

Allegedly fired gun accidentally, striking 2-year-old

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

Waterbury police arrested a man in connection to a shooting that injured a 2-year-old boy last week.

Kharis Samuels, 20, of 37 Ridgeway Ave. in Waterbury, turned himself into police on Monday. He faces a slew of charges for allegedly firing a gun that left a 2-year-old boy with a gunshot wound to his torso, according to the Waterbury Police Department.

On June 21, the 2-year-old was in a walker in his home on Pinecrest Drive in Waterbury where he lived with his grandmother and siblings, police said.

Samuels, a friend of the toddler's older brother, was hanging out at the home and was allegedly showing off a gun. The gun allegedly accidentally fired and one bullet struck the toddler, police said.

The 2-year-old was rushed to the emergency room by his family and then taken by Life Star to Connecticut Children's Medical Center. As of Tuesday, the toddler was in stable condition and recovering at CCMC, police said.

Police issued a warrant for Samuel's arrest and were looking for him for days. They put out a notice that Samuels may be armed and dangerous since the gun used in the shooting was not found at the scene.

Upon turning himself in at Waterbury police headquarters, Samuels was charged with first-degree assault, illegal discharge of a firearm, first-degree reckless endangerment, illegal transfer of a pistol or revolver, criminal use of a weapon, carrying a pistol without a permit, illegal possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle and risk of injury to a child.



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COLCHESTER

Boy, 8, injured in 2-vehicle crash

An 8-year-old boy was seriously injured after a two-vehicle crash in Colchester on Monday evening.

A GMC Sierra K3500 was driving east on Middletown Road around 5:45 p.m. when it collided with a Toyota Echo driving south on Scofield Road into the intersection, police said. Police said the GMC Sierra collided with Toyota Echo's right side, disabling both vehicles.

The boy, a passenger in the Toyota Echo, was taken to Connecticut Children's Medical Center for serious injuries, police said. The driver of the Toyota Echo, identified by state police as an East Hampton woman, was taken to Hartford Hospital for suspected injuries. The driver of the GMC Sierra K3500 was not injured, police said.

The posted speed limit in the area is 45 mph and the roads were wet from rain, the Connecticut State Police said.

The crash is under investigation, state police said.

— Mike Mavredakis

HARTFORD

Asylum St. shooting under investigation

The Hartford Police Department is investigating a shooting that injured a man on Asylum Street in Hartford on Monday night.

Police were called to Saint Francis Hospital just before midnight after a reported victim of a shooting arrived to seek treatment. The victim, a man in his 20s, was suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, police said.

Police determined that the incident occurred in the area of 424 Asylum St., they said.

The shooting is under investigation by the Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions. Anyone with information is asked to contact the police tip line at 860-722-8477.

— Mike Mavredakis

STAMFORD

Bridgeport man charged in '21 killing

A Bridgeport man was charged with murder and extradited from New York in connection to a stabbing that killed a 43-year-old Norwalk man in Stamford last summer, police said.

The Stamford Police Department took custody of Donald Copeland, 32, at the Dutchess County Jail in Poughkeepsie, New York, on Monday. He was transported to the Stamford Police Department and charged with the murder of Jimmy Louis on Aug. 18, 2021.

Louis was found with several stab wounds inside of a vehicle outside 54 Hamilton Ave. Stamford police performed CPR until EMS arrived. Louis later died from his injuries, according to police.

An autopsy was performed and Louis' death was ruled a homicide.

In addition to the murder charge, Copeland was also charged with a separate warrant for possession of a controlled substance, according to investigators. Copeland is being held on a total bond of \$2.5 million.

— Ahjané Forbes

CANDLEWOOD LAKE

Body recovered near Chicken Rock

The body of an adult man was recovered on Candlewood Lake on Tuesday, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Communications director Will Healey said.

The body was recovered around 9:30 a.m. in the same area of the lake as a 20-year-old male who went missing while swimming in Candlewood Lake near Chicken Rock on Friday, Healey said.

According to Healey, identification is pending positive identification and notification.

Healey said the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of death, and the investigation is ongoing.

DEEP Environmental Conservation Police; the Candlewood Lake Authority; the Sherman, Danbury, New Milford, and Brookfield fire departments; the Newtown, Danbury, Brookfield, and Connecticut State Police dive teams; and the Connecticut State Police all assisted in the search.

Earlier this month, state police recovered the body of a Bristol man in Candlewood Lake on June 16 after an extensive search, according to Healey.

The victim in that case was identified as Larry Kwokpo Chan, 24, of Bristol, Healey said. That case is being investigated as an accidental drowning.

— Staff report

New Britain man gets 10 years for role in Mexican-based drug ring

Staff report

A New Britain man was sentenced to 10 years in prison Monday for trafficking fentanyl, according to federal authorities.

Armando Gonzalez, 40, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall in New Haven to four years of supervised release, according to federal authorities.

Authorities said, citing court documents and statements made in court, that the DEA Hartford Task Force began investigating a Mexican-based drug trafficking organization that was distributing fentanyl and heroin in Connecticut in July 2018. "The investigation revealed that Gonzalez and other members of the organization received kilogram-quantities of narcotics, primarily fentanyl, from a source in Mexico, and then distributed the drug to street-level distributors."

Further, organization members delivered "cash generated from

the sale of narcotics to a money broker in Brooklyn, New York, who assisted in laundering the narcotics proceeds before they were transferred to leaders of the drug trafficking organization," federal authorities said in a statement. "Between August and October 2019, investigators seized more than \$200,000 in cash from members of the drug trafficking organization."

Gonzalez and "his associate, David Cintron, used several locations to store, process and package fentanyl for street sale, including office space on Pratt Street in Hartford, an apartment in the Asylum Hill neighborhood in Hartford, and an apartment in New Britain," authorities said in the statement.

Cintron was arrested on state charges in December 2019 after he was allegedly found in possession of approximately 4,860 wax paper sleeves of fentanyl, 90 grams of unpackaged fentanyl, and other items used to process and package

narcotics, the statement said.

Gonzalez, Cintron and three associates were arrested on federal charges on April 28, 2020, when investigators searched the New Britain apartment and "seized numerous bags of suspected fentanyl, items used to process and package narcotics, a 9mm firearm, 9mm ammunition, and cash." Cintron was located in the bathroom of his Manchester residence, flushing suspected fentanyl in the toilet.

A grand jury returned an indictment on June 3, 2020, charging Gonzalez, Cintron and eight others with narcotics distribution and money laundering offenses, federal authorities said. Gonzalez pleaded guilty on March 28, 2022 to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

Gonzalez has been detained since his arrest. Cintron pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

Chicks

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**How was the tour going before the postponed shows?**

**Maguire:** So far there's been an amazing response. I loved the Bonnaroo response [June 17 in Tennessee] because it's such a young demographic, and we feel we've been so far out of that age group now, and it was electric. It was amazing. That was a great shot in the arm because we're not spring chickens anymore. I'm hopeful that all the shows are going to have this energy.

**Has anything like Natalie losing her voice ever happened before?**

**Strayer:** It's never happened before. I was trying to put together the puzzle that made that happen for Natalie. I think it was allergies. This year, apparently, there's a lot of pollen. Also, we rehearsed a ton, three different sets of rehearsing right up until we started the tour. I think in hindsight we'll be careful about rehearsing right up until the last minute. We were running shows twice a day, three days before the tour started. That's a lot.

**Maguire:** We've had a lot of different ailments going on. I remember Natalie once played with a very severe urinary tract infection. I played with food poisoning, where we saw the porta potty getting wheeled over to the side of the stage just in case. We're sticklers for "the show must go on." We do it hell or high water. But a voice is so important.

**And your voices are fine?**

**Maguire:** Yeah and I had COVID right up until before the first show. Our tour manager and our band manager thought that [the thing that] would trip us up would be COVID, but I had the lightest case. I had watched the dress rehearsals from Zoom, playing along in my bedroom. So that's what we had the fear of. I don't think we were thinking of other things like laryngitis.

**Strayer:** We had a lot of Zoom meetings for the tour, but I hadn't seen Natalie in two years before we got together to rehearse. With COVID restrictions, we've had to get used to the rhythms of that, and when you're bringing kids along it can get challenging.

Cox

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Cox is on a breathing tube and is paralyzed from the chest down at the moment, Crump said. He does have some movement in his left arm, his sister LaToya Boomer said at the press conference.

"We are going to get justice for him," Cox's mother Doreen Coleman said.

Boomer called for accountability from the department and called his treatment a "disgrace." She also said the officers involved should be fired and any witnesses who did not stop their conduct should be suspended and retrained.

"All the world is watching New Haven, Connecticut," Crump said. "And are you going to do the right thing? Or are you going to do what traditionally has been done to Black people when they have been brutalized by the police and try to act like they don't matter? Well, we do matter, and Randy Cox's life matters."

Attorney Louis Rubano said that a Freedom of Information request for the release of documents and some videos not yet released has been filed. A lawsuit will be

coming in the next 60 days, he said.

Scot X. Esdaile, a New Haven native and member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP, called for cultural change within the New Haven Police Department and a comprehensive plan for action.

New Haven officials said they are working to make changes.

"We are going to do everything possible that it doesn't happen to anyone else," New Haven Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson said during a press conference with New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker and Rush-Kittle later Tuesday.

Jacobson said that should any criminal charges be necessary, the department will make arrests of its officers. The case is currently under investigation by the Connecticut State Police.

Elicker highlighted some of the things the department has done, including putting officers on leave, notifying the public of the incident within 24 hours and releasing video footage of it within 48 hours, refuting an earlier claim that other videos had not yet been released. He said all videos have been released at this point. He also said the police department also took the vehicles without seatbelts

part of this entire tour, trying to sift through all the wonderful craziness that comes out of Jack Antonoff's mind. We are, in the past, used to writing a song, learning a song, going in in some form or fashion as a band, even if we don't get everything done at the same time and play along with each other. He really crafts from the ground up, with "Why don't we try this? Why don't we try that?" and all those little pieces. Some of them stay, some of them don't, and it's this wonderful combination of sounds. So we did actually add a new band member as a utility person. It's Natalie's son Slade Pashar, and he plays everything.

**Strayer:** His band was going to open for us in 2020, but the band broke up. We've known about Slade's musicianship for a long time. He's just a sponge, he's a student of everything. You know when he comes back the next day he's going to know exactly what his parts are.

**Are you playing a wide range of songs?**

**Strayer:** We realize that the best way to have a good show is to incorporate everything from all eras — but we're taking it one step further. We have this dice game. We roll the dice. Each number correlates to a song that we haven't played in a while or weren't planning on playing on this tour. It gives every show a chance to have one of those songs — even a song like "There's Your Trouble," which for us was a task to relearn. It hasn't been rolled yet on the first three shows. The fans will have a chance to hear some oldies but goodies.

**Maguire:** Maybe that's why Natalie's voice went out because we learned so many more songs than we had to.

**Strayer:** There are things that we played on the last tour, like "Ready to Run." There's "Travelin' Soldier" in the dice game, "There's Your Trouble," "Give It Up or Let Me Go." There's a song called "Mississippi," a Bob Dylan song that we've done a live recording of but never done on [a studio] album.

**Maguire:** It keeps it fun for us. As the tour goes on we want to start playing other things.

*The Chicks play Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Xfinity Theater, 61 Savitt Way, Hartford. \$24-\$161. livenation.com.*

Tong joins multistate baby food safety effort

By Ahjané Forbes

Hartford Courant

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong joined a multistate coalition demanding that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) eliminate toxic chemicals and metals from baby food including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

Products that are raising concern are baby foods, baby formula, cereals, purées and other edible products.

"There is no room for error when it comes to the safety of baby food," said Tong. "The Food and Drug Administration has promised to set limits on toxic metals in baby food, as they have already done in many other products, yet they have failed to meet their own deadlines."

In April 2021, the FDA announced the "Closer to Zero" plan, which the agency committed to proposing action levels for lead. The plan's goal included eliminating harmful materials from baby foods by April 2022, inorganic arsenic by April 2024 and cadmium and mercury after April 2024.

Since the FDA did not make any changes by April 2022, the coalition argues that the plan is behind schedule, a public health concern and will disproportionately affect children in low-income households. Lead is often located in paint and water pipes.

In a letter to the FDA, the coalition urged the federal government to adopt interim measures recommended in the coalition's October 2021 petition. The petition requested the administration issue a clear industry guidance to limit toxic metals and poisonous materials.

The FDA has denied the petition, but the coalition has submitted a request for reconsideration.

"The FDA needs to expedite this critical work to protect infants and toddlers from unacceptable toxic exposure," Tong said.

Attorney generals supporting Tong in the letter are from the following states: California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Hartford's Artists of Color in spotlight

By Susan Dunne

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A free event on June 30 in Hartford will shine a light on work being done by artists of color in the city.

Artists of Color Accelerate, an inaugural program centered at The 224 EcoSpace at 224 Farmington Ave., will showcase creations and performances by 10 artist-fellows who have been working with host organizations.

The event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at The 224 EcoSpace. It will be hosted by The Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best, who is CEO of the Greater Hartford Arts Council and former CEO of The 224; Jay Williams, CEO of Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; and The Rev. Lydell Brown, interim CEO of The 224 EcoSpace.

AOCA, managed by Andre Rochester, is financed by a grant by the Artists of Color Unite! advisory group at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Artists in the inaugural cohort, and host organizations, are Chad Browne-Springer, Night Fall; Jon "Tang Sauce" Young, Charter Oak Cultural Center; Cin Martinez, HartBeat Ensemble; Royael Marie Saez, Spectrum in Motion; Patrick Rico Williams, Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts; Quyen Truong, Real Art Ways; Joy Monroe, Playhouse on Park in West Hartford; Brittiana "Versatile" Tatum, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center; Andre Rochester, Amistad Center for Art & Culture; and Miles Wilson Tolliver, Hartford Opera Theater.



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QUICK BITES

Family finds lasting success in Italian cuisine

By Blaine Callahan  
Hartford Courant

Every restaurant has a story. With thousands of choices for food and drink in Connecticut, it can be hard to know where to start looking. A fantastic restaurant might be right under your nose and you won't even know it exists. All that great food often pairs well with an even greater tale. There's a hole-in-the-wall spot that started off as a food truck, a brewery built atop a dairy farm, and a restaurant that opened its own drive-in theater. And that's just scratching the surface. There's no end of stories to share in Connecticut's vibrant restaurant scene. That's why we're starting a new series to try and tell them all: Quick Bites. Kicking things off is First and Last Tavern in Hartford with their long history in Connecticut's capital, and it's all told in the plethora of photos that hang on its walls.

**Over 80 years and counting:** If you've spent time in Hartford, you might be familiar with First and Last Tavern. If you've grown up in the area, you've more than likely visited it at least once. "It's one of the oldest restaurants in the state," says Patrick DePasquale, owner of First and Last Tavern. "It's been there since 1936." While most folks living in Hart-



Patrick DePasquale and his family have helped run First and Last for more than 30 years and counting. **BLAINE CALLAHAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

ford today might not have much memory or experience with a post-Depression Hartford, you probably have had parents or grandparents who did. Plumbers, electricians, and other 9-to-5, five day a week workers who walked the city's streets and made due with what they had. It wasn't an easy era for anybody, but it's when the Dimella's First and Last Tavern opened its doors. "The name derives from it being the first tavern you'd see when you entered Hartford and the

last one you'd see when you left," DePasquale says. "It opened after Prohibition." According to DePasquale, the hole-in-the-wall tavern saw a lot of traffic even way back when. Tradespersons often stopped in for a quick lunch or after work for dinner. Without a full kitchen, the menu was limited to no more than a dozen or so options. "One of our popular menu items from that time is the Number 13. It's shells with a sausage and a meatball with a small salad, all

served on the same plate. We have the 14, too, which is the same dish but with angel hair pasta. They still do well; it's a quick lunch or dinner." Along with a basic liquor license, letting the tavern serve beer and wine, First and Last Tavern carved out its market in Hartford and kept things moving decade after decade. In time, however, the Dimella's were ready to sell. **First and Last Tavern changes hands and expands:** "My father's family was in the restaurant business years ago," says DePasquale. "They had DePasquales Restaurant on Front Street. It's where Constitution Plaza is now. That's where a lot of our old pictures come from in our restaurant." It was a clear decision to pick up the storied, Hartford tavern. They purchased the business in the early 1980s. It didn't take long until an expansion was made. "It used to be connected to an apartment building before we expanded it. There's even photos on the wall all the way back in 1989 when the made the renovations." What was once a cozy tavern now had a full-service kitchen and a patented brick oven that rotates as it cooks. It was more than his father's handiwork, however, that made the newly expanded First and Last Tavern a smash hit with customers. **A family business, through and**

**through:** DePasquale's mother, Diane, put in over 20 years of hard-work and dedication managing the restaurant. She was a familiar face to regulars, and took care of her patrons and staff. Even today, after taking a step back, you're likely to find her helping out however she can. "We've had really good people here," says DePasquale. "We had a bartender that worked here for over 50 years. We have multiple servers with 25 and more years of service." As he puts it, "It's a generational restaurant. Multiple layers of families that have come to the restaurant over the years. We've had employees whose kids later came to work here and get customers all over the state." At its core, First and Last Tavern is a family business. You see it in the myriad of photos on the walls. Some are from politicians and standout figures, like Al Gore and John Madden. Many more are of the DePasquales and of Hartford. They catalog the history of First and Last Tavern and the city it was born in. Even now, after a challenging pandemic, First and Last Tavern and the DePasquales are here to stay for the foreseeable future. "It's been a challenging couple of years for everyone, but people seem to be bouncing back." *First and Last Tavern is at 939 Maple Ave. in Hartford.*

Will anti-abortion centers grow, wield more influence post-Roe?

By Kimberlee Kruesi  
and Leah Willingham  
Associated Press

"Woman's Choice," the sign proclaims in bold pink letters. But despite promising abortion information and free pregnancy testing, the facility in Charleston, West Virginia, is designed to steer women facing an unwanted pregnancy away from choosing an abortion. That will become much easier now that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that states like West Virginia can make abortion illegal. It's one of hundreds of so-called crisis pregnancy centers nationwide whose aim is to discourage women from seeking abortions. The facilities, which have been accused repeatedly of deceiving women about their true purpose, are expected to wield even more influence in states where the dwindling number of clinics are now canceling abortion appointments. Often religiously affiliated, the anti-abortion centers are not licensed medical facilities and do not provide medical services such as pre- or post-natal care or other health care for uninsured women, unlike clinics that offer abortions — which are subject to strict government regulations and patient privacy laws. They do sometimes have nurses on staff or as volunteers. "Basically, these centers are looking around and saying, 'Our services are going to be needed now more than ever because there's going to be so many pregnant people who need support during their pregnancy — particularly unintended pregnancies,'" said Andrea Swartzendruber, a University of Georgia public health professor who has helped map center locations nationwide. Shortly after Friday's Supreme Court decision, West Virginia's only abortion clinic announced it was suspending abortion services, but continuing to provide birth control, STI treatment and other services. The Charleston anti-abortion center, which calls itself the Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, has been located

next to the abortion clinic for years. The people who run it say their work won't change. They will continue to offer parenting and health classes, counseling for "women who regret a past decision to abort and wish to find comfort from guilt and sadness" and provide "facts about abortion risks — both physical and psychological," they said in an email to Associated Press. The board also said staff must complete training emphasizing the importance of clients' "right to be respected regardless of their decision." At the clinic next door, called the Women's Health Center of West Virginia, executive director Katie Quinonez has her doubts about such statements. She has repeatedly seen patients seeking to end their pregnancies lured into the anti-abortion center and bombarded with warnings about abortion risks. Some who found their way to her office have shared pamphlets declaring that "abortion causes new problems that can haunt a woman for the rest of her life." One titled "Abortion — Living Without Regret" shows a woman crying on the cover and lists "abortion risks," including "suicidal feelings," "death" and "cervical incompetence." Quinonez said she worries about the dozens of patients whose abortion appointments were canceled after the Supreme Court decision came down. "I'm incredibly concerned," she said. "It's possible that they could think maybe there is another provider and state that's doing abortions. 'How about I call 'A Woman's Choice,' located in Charleston?' and then they make an appointment and go there because they've been lied to by a fake clinic that says 'Yes, we can provide you with care.'" While the anti-abortion centers are mostly mum about their plans now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned, experts say they're likely to redouble efforts to persuade women not to end their pregnancies. The logistics work in their favor, since many women won't have the legal option of abor-

tion without leaving their state. The centers have been expanding in every state with support from wealthy conservative donors, powerful state lawmakers and religious institutions. They've also received tens of millions of tax dollars funneled to them by conservative state leaders. Left-leaning states have shown more willingness to regulate how the centers advertise their services. Last year Connecticut banned them from using "deceptive advertising" about the services they provide. Connecticut had 18 health clinics that provided abortions as of 2018; there are also around 20 pregnancy crisis centers. "As we head into this new world and into this next phase, I think it's more important than ever for women to be able to access medically accurate information," said Democratic Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, who sponsored the Connecticut legislation. "The last thing we want is for women to be at what they believe to be a health clinic only to receive misinformation about their options." Nationally, crisis pregnancy centers outnumber abortion clinics more than 3 to 1, but in Republican-led states the numbers can be far higher, according to a 2021 report from The Alliance: State Advocates for Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Some 2,500 centers are located across the country, while there are fewer than 800 abortion clinics. In Missouri, which has just one abortion clinic, Swartzendruber and her colleagues identified nearly 70 anti-abortion centers in 2021. The situation is similar in North Dakota, where at least seven centers operated last year and the state's lone abortion clinic is relocating now that Roe v. Wade was overturned. In Mississippi, there are 30 centers, while the Jackson Women's Health Organization — a plaintiff in the legal battle that came before the Supreme Court — was the lone provider offering abortion services. Those three states are among 13 with so-called trigger laws that



A sign advertises free pregnancy tests and abortion information outside the Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Charleston, West Virginia, on June 17. The anti-abortion center is next to Women's Health Center of West Virginia, background left, the only abortion provider in the state. **LEAH M. WILLINGHAM/AP**

banned most abortions after Roe was overturned. West Virginia doesn't have a trigger law, but does have an old statute on the books that had been shelved while Roe was in place. As abortion clinics shutter across the country, some anti-abortion centers have expressed concern they will be targeted amid protests against the Supreme Court's ruling, although historically such incidents have been rare. Meanwhile, abortion clinics have been the targets of attacks for decades. Earlier this month, anti-abortion leaders called on churches to support their local crisis pregnancy centers. "We have an opportunity like never before," said Dean Nelson, vice president of government relations for Human Coalition, a national anti-abortion group that frequently directs pregnant women seeking information online to the centers and operates a handful of its own. Some centers offer financial counseling, free diapers and food pantries for mothers after they've given birth. By expanding and strengthening the network of centers, anti-abortion advocates hope women will see they have resources and options. That concerns reproductive rights advocates, who worry that without licensed abortion providers, women who become unexpectedly pregnant and desperate for help will wind up in places intent on deceiving them. Earlier this year, the Center for Countering Digital Hate, an internet watch-

dog group, released a report that found 1 in 10 Google searches for abortion services in states with trigger laws led people to the centers. Amanda Furdge says that happened to her while searching for information about Mississippi's only abortion clinic in 2014. Instead, she found a listing for what turned out to be a crisis pregnancy center in Jackson. "I went for an appointment, and they kept me there all day, traumatized me. They gave me a pregnancy test and they told me, 'We are not going to be able to recommend any abortion services for you,'" she said. "I was clear: 'I don't want to carry this pregnancy. I want to terminate it.'" By the time she found the abortion clinic, she said she decided on her own she was too far along to have the procedure. She is now happily raising her 7-year-old son. In West Virginia, the Charleston abortion clinic has rows of hedges blocking view of the building next door to reduce confusion. In front a sign reads "WARNING: The building behind this sign is an ANTI-CHOICE, ANTI-BIRTH CONTROL Crisis Pregnancy Center. It is not affiliated with the Women's Health Center." "You shouldn't be able to pose as a medical facility and just straight up lie to patients," director Quinonez said. *Kruesi reported from Nashville, Tennessee. Associated Press writer Emily Wagster Pettus contributed from Jackson, Mississippi.*

GastroPark's house baker expanding into Avon

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Small State Provisions, which has been the house baker at West Hartford's GastroPark food-truck park since July 2021, is expanding to a freestanding location in Avon, 10 times bigger than its GastroPark space, owner Kevin Masse said. Masse, who lives in West Hartford, said the new 2,200-square-foot space at 205 Old Farms Road, where Truffles used to be, will open some time in the fall. "It was a bakery facility prior to us so it shouldn't be too bad of a buildout. It all depends on supply

chain issues right now," Masse said. Masse will keep his 212-square-foot stall in GastroPark, but will do the baking in Avon. He said he decided to move Small State into a larger facility "probably the weekend we opened at GastroPark. "I always knew that GastroPark wasn't going to be our space forever in terms of being able to produce the volume I was hoping to one day produce. It was a space for me where I could start in a way that felt very controlled and something I could manage, given it was not my full-time job at the time," he said. "I outgrew it a lot faster than I

anticipated. I thought it would take me two years." Masse quit his "day job" at a baking magazine last year, and made Small State his full-time job. Masse is pleased that his new location is in the same complex as Hopmeadow Brewing. "That model works, like at GastroPark, which has the bar and the food trucks. I'm excited about the synergy between a bakery and a beer brewery side by side," he said. Masse started Small State Provisions as a cottage licensee out of his home in 2019. Small State specializes in sourdough bread, granola, scones, cookies and, on Saturdays,

Masse's wildly popular cinnamon buns. He said his Sunday babkas, which also were extremely popular, will come back some day. He is especially proud of his sourdough. "We are the only the bakery in the Hartford area doing 100% naturally leavened organic sourdough," he said. "We provide bread for Millwright's, Present Company, Union Kitchen, Hartford Flavor and Blue Plate Kitchen." For updates on the buildout, visit facebook.com/smallstate. *Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.*



Small State Provisions, the house baker at GastroPark in West Hartford, is opening a freestanding store in Avon. Small State is owned by Kevin Masse. **COURTESY**



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 215 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 to satisfy a Lien on July 12th, 2022 at approximately 1:00 PM at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com):

Cube # 196 Patrick Butler  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary G. Curry (22-00455)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated June 16, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Patrick M. Curry  
c/o STEVEN MICHAEL BASCHE, BROWN, PAINDIRIS & SCOTT, LLP 2252 MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY, CT 06033  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Town Meeting will be held in and for the Town of Essex, Connecticut, Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 4:55 pm in the Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue in said Essex.

TO ACT AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- To consent and approve a transfer in the amount of \$100,000 to the Trucks and Equipment Sinking Fund (032) for future Public Works Capital Equipment Purchases. Said funds will be transferred from the following accounts:  

Capital & Equipment Leases (10496-508100)	\$25,000
Public Works Equipment (10496-508125)	\$25,000
Reserve for Encumbrances (10000-29260)	\$50,000
- To consent and approve an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for all eligible full-time employees (\$500 each) and part-time employees (\$250 each); excluding boat operations, board clerks, poll workers, terminated, temporary and seasonal employees.
- To consent and approve an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Essex Veterans Memorial Hall due to the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman  
Stacia R. Libby, Selectman  
Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman  
6/29/2022 7237126

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Michael K. Belzo (22-00474)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Robin Belzo  
c/o ROBERT ANTHONY SCALISE, ERICSON SCALISE & MANGAN, 35 PEARL ST, STE 301, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051  
6/29/2022 7240010

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marie W. Fleisher (22-00476)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Debra M. Fleischer, 69 West End Avenue, New Britain, CT 06052  
6/29/2022 7240070

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in the 1st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

\*Olson\* Application for Special Exception Permit for the construction of a 6,394 s.f. house with covered porches and an attached 2 car garage.  
39 North Cove Road, Assessor's Map 31, Lot 17, Residence AA-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone.  
Applicant: Robert & Virginia Olson  
Agent: Denise Von Dassel, Architect

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcm5kZ2wKdGVhZj02>  
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One Tap Mobile:  
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At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to [chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov](mailto:chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov) or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at [www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission](http://www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission)

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION  
Robert C. Friedmann, Chairman  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard J. Fredericks, AKA Richard J. Fredericks, Sr. (22-00471)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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c/o STEPHEN P SZTABA, STEPHEN P SZTABA, 450 MAIN STREET, SUITE 200, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051  
6/29/2022 7240027

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF John A. Adams (22-00456)

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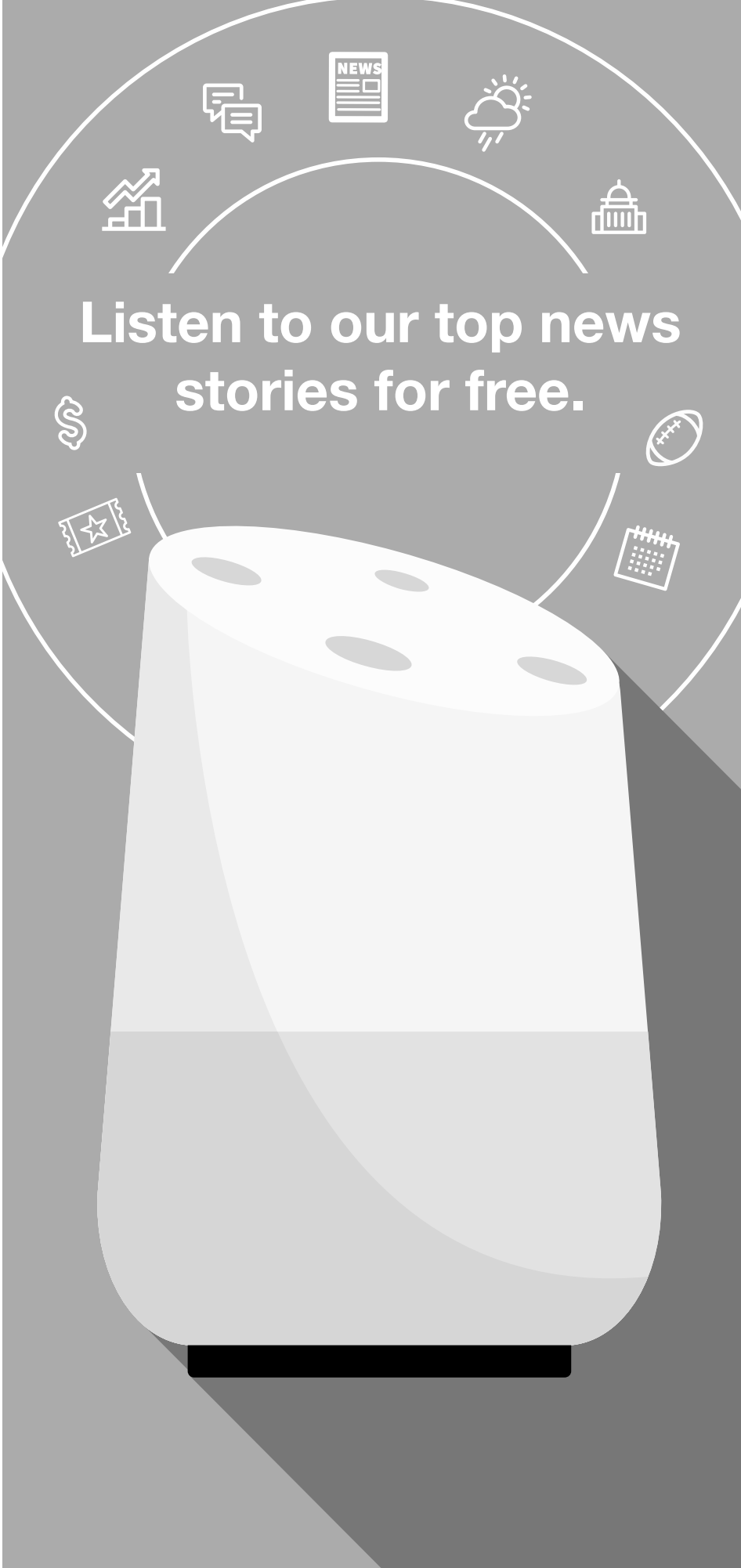
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The fiduciary is:  
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NOTICE OF DECISIONS  
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2022

- Approved a petition to update and amend the Middletown Zoning Code by deleting Sections 23A, 33A, 39, 39A, 44.08.45, and 62, modifying Sections 11.01, 16, 30, 40.03.09, 44.08.21, 48.03.06, 60, and 61 and create new Sections 23A, 23B, 23C, and 62, and amend the Middletown Zoning Map by rezoning several properties located in the MX, TD, B-3, IM, M, R-15, or R-30 zones to a proposed new MXR, MXC or MXI zone to preserve and promote traditional neighborhood development. Applicant/ Agent: City of Middletown Land Use Department. Z2022-2 (A copy of the approved zoning codes and zoning map can be found in the City of Middletown Land Use Department and the Office of the Town Clerk.)
- Approved a site plan for a change of nonconforming uses from an alcoholic liquor establishment to a service establishment for a new beauty salon/spa located at 82 North Main Street in the IRA zone. Applicant/Agent: John DeSena. SPR2022-118

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Planning and Zoning Commission  
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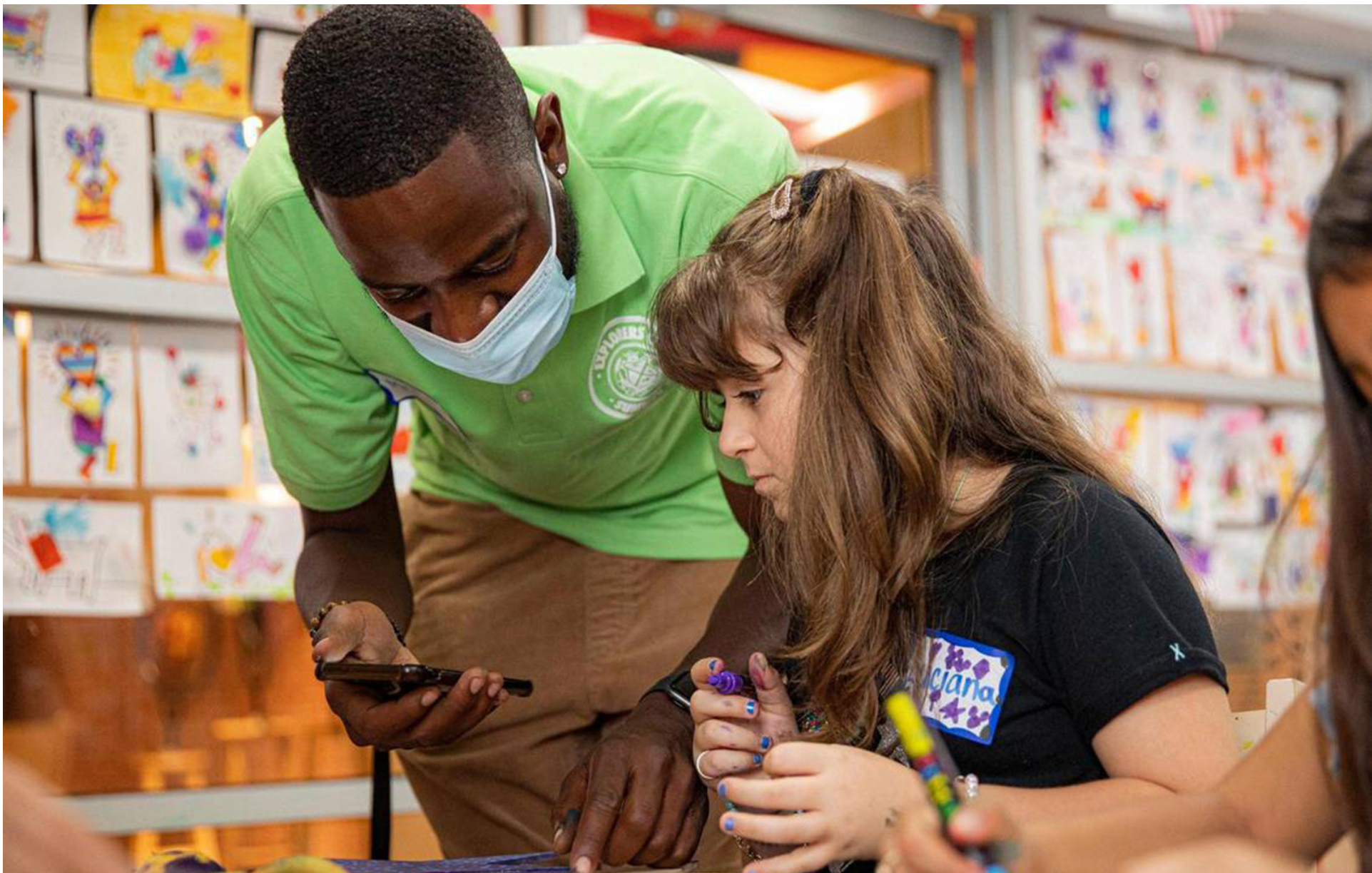
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John Martin, left, helps Luciana Goncalves, 8, decorate her wooden star for the Miami Children's Museum's Stars of HOPE project June 14 in Miami. SYDNEY WALSH/MIAMI HERALD PHOTOS

# Creating stars of hope

Miami Children's Museum project allows kids to find a connection with children forced to leave Ukraine

By Grethel Aguila  
Miami Herald

As children shrieked and played pretend veterinarian, musician and firefighter, a group of summer camp students snaked around the rooms of the Miami Children's Museum. They lined up at their destination: a glass room adorned with colorful drawings.

Luciana Goncalves, 8, pranced inside and took a seat at a table, a wooden star lying in front of her. After listening to the instructions, she dabbed a sponge into purple paint and then, onto her star.

In the coming months, Luciana's tie-dye-inspired star will make its way to Ukrainian refugee children living in Krakow, Poland. The museum, which partnered with the nonprofit Stars of HOPE, aims to send 2,500 stars to the Jewish Community Centre of Krakow.

The stars will arrive in all kinds of styles: painted in pink, yellow and blue; embellished with hearts, peace signs and winky faces; inscribed with messages like "Stay safe!" and "You are butiful." Some will be abstract, others Miami-themed with palm trees and sunsets. But each will have the name and photo of its creator.

The initiative began after a group of rabbis visited the JCC Krakow in April, said the museum's executive director, Deborah Spiegelman. When she saw photographs of the children's faces, she brainstormed ideas to lift their spirits.

And then she reached out to Jonathan Ornstein,

executive director of the JCC Krakow. The center opened its doors to Jewish and non-Jewish immigrants fleeing violence after Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

Hundreds of children have painted stars at the MacArthur Causeway children's museum since May, Spiegelman said. She believes the experience teaches children empathy amid an uptick in violence, hatred and anti-Semitism.

"The importance here lies in children being accepting and loving to all children and showing goodness and kindness," she said. "You have children in crisis, and it's a way for children in our community to connect with others regardless of race, background, ethnicity, color, anything."

Spiegelman hopes the stars welcome the children to their new community — and that they can ultimately return the favor through stars of their own.

As many as 200 children visit the JCC Krakow every day, Ornstein said. Many join their mothers as they collect necessities like food, hygiene supplies, clothing and toys or attend daycare and language classes, and get social services.

JCC Krakow usually serves the Jewish community of the area, which was almost decimated by the Holocaust, Ornstein said. The center is even located minutes away from a painful symbol: Auschwitz. In February, staff drew on one of the tragedy's most important lessons. Not to be silent.

Just 150 miles from the border, the center decided



Children decorate wooden stars for the museum's project connecting Miami children with those who had to flee Ukraine.

to help Ukrainians during their time of need, Ornstein said. The JCC took on a humanitarian resource center role, housed 400 refugees in hotels and opened the Paszkowka Palace, a wedding venue-turned-housing complex that hosts 85 refugees.

And in the next months, staff will distribute the stars at the JCC.

"The two things children need the most, especially with children that have gone through the trauma of war, ... are care and hope," he said. "And I think that these stars show that children, their peers across the world care for them and are thinking about them."

For Ornstein, the stars are also a way to heal and move forward.

"I think all of us, from the time that we are children, look up at the stars and understand that there's a big world and people care about us," he said.

The stars show that the global community stands with them, even children in Miami, Ornstein said. And if some stars are sent back to Miami, they would establish a valuable connection.

Connection is at the center of Stars of HOPE's projects, executive director Josh Garcia said. The nonprofit has supplied stars to connect communities to victims of natural disasters and other tragedies, including the Surfside condo collapse and Parkland school shooting. The stars will remind the Ukrainian children that people still care about them despite the conflict fading from focus.

Yanet Fernandez-Goncalves believes that creating a star taught her daughter, Luciana, a life lesson.

"I want her to understand how different cultures are going through different things, different hardships and also make her more mindful of everything that is happening in the world," she said. "We need to find a way to speak to our children in a language that they understand."

And for refugee children in Krakow, the decorated wooden star may let them know that they're on the minds of children like Luciana, even if thousands of miles away.

## EX-ETIQUETTE

### Make plan to avoid outbursts in front of your child

By Jann Blackstone  
Tribune News Service

**Q: My ex and I had an amicable split. After a year or so, we put together a parenting plan that worked, but we left off Father's Day and Mother's Day. That means our son may be scheduled to spend Father's Day with me and vice versa. It doesn't happen all the time, but this year, it did. In the interest of "good ex-etiquette" I offered to**

**take our son to his father's home so they could spend the day together. There was traffic. I texted I would be 10 minutes late. When I arrived, my ex yelled at the top of his lungs, "Get in this car! It's my time now!" My son was in shock and started to cry, and as they pulled away I could see his father yelling at him for being late. I'm at a loss.**  
**A:** We are dealing with more than an ex-etiquette problem if the exchange

happened exactly as you report. Let's see if we can formulate a plan to prevent this in the future.

Most kids I talk to tell me they hate exchanges because "their parents are so mean." When I've called this to parents' attention, the response is often, "I yelled at his mom/dad one time. He'll get over it." Sometimes both parents are angry. Then a child has nowhere to go but inward. And they will, if parents

who share custody don't get a grip.

What do you do? If this sounds like you, address YOUR anger. It is not only affecting you, but your child — and it will eventually backfire. If you don't have a plan in place to address situations like this, put your heads together and make one.

For example: You're late. You call. Your son is listening to the exchange. "Hi. Happy Father's Day.



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There's traffic and it's slowing us down. Looks like we're going to be 10 minutes late. I'm so sorry. I know how much you want to see Brian." He says,

"I've been waiting for a few minutes, but thank you for letting me know." No editorializing. No blame. No fault. Sound ridiculously simple? That's the point.



CELEBRITIES



Alec Baldwin, left, interviewed Woody Allen live Tuesday on Instagram. **AP FILE PHOTOS**

Allen talks career end with Baldwin

From news services

Woody Allen told Alec Baldwin during a live interview Tuesday on Instagram that he is mulling ending his moviemaking career, saying directing has lost its luster.

The men steered clear of addressing either the abuse allegations against Allen or the shooting last year on Baldwin's film set.

The public comment options were turned off, and the 45-minute interview attracted a modest audience of between 2,400 to 2,700. The two chatted about Allen's writing, the use of profanity in films and the current state of Broadway. Allen lost his connection several times, with his screen freezing.

Allen, 87, said movie-making is not as exciting now that his films spend a few days in movie theaters and then directly go to streaming. "A lot of the thrill is gone," he said. "It's not as enjoyable as it was."

Still, he plans to make his next movie later this year in Paris. "I'm going to make another one, and I'll see how it feels."

Allen has continued to face backlash after his adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, accused him of molesting her as a child.

Allen has denied the allegations. Baldwin has faced his own controversy after he fatally shot a cinematographer on the set of his film "Rust" in New Mexico. Baldwin has said the gun went off without his pulling the trigger.

**Spears' ex ordered to trial:** A California judge found Monday that there is enough evidence against a man once married to Britney Spears who showed up uninvited at the pop star's wedding to go to trial on a felony stalking charge.

After a preliminary hearing, Ventura County Judge David Worley ruled that Jason Allen Alexander, 40, should be held to answer on the charge, along with misdemeanor counts of trespassing, vandalism and battery, court records showed. Not guilty pleas to all the charges were entered by an attorney for Alexander, who did not attend and remains jailed.

Spears married Sam Asghari at her California home on June 9.

**Burnett to appear in 'Better Call Saul':** Carol Burnett has been tapped to star in the final season of the drama "Better Call Saul." AMC announced Monday that Burnett will

guest in multiple episodes of the series' sixth season, playing a character named Marion. The gritty "Breaking Bad" spinoff returns for its final six episodes beginning July 11.

**Actor Mara dies:** Mary Mara, who appeared on television shows including "Ray Donovan," "Dexter" and "ER" in an acting career that spanned more than 30 years, has died in what New York authorities said appeared to be a drowning accident.

The New York State Police said Monday a woman identified as Mara, 61, was found shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday in the St. Lawrence River in upstate New York. Police said that an official cause of death is still pending, but that there were no signs of foul play and that it appeared Mara drowned while swimming.

**June 29 birthdays:** Actor Gary Busey is 78. Comedian Richard Lewis is 75. Actor Sharon Lawrence is 61. Singer Stedman Pearson is 58. Actor Melora Hardin is 55. Actor Christina Chang is 51. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 44. Comedian Colin Jost is 40. Actor Lily Rabe is 40. Singer Aundrea Fimbres is 39.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson  
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Night out may lead to July Fourth fireworks

**Dear Amy:** Recently, my fiancé and I went out with his friend (of 30 years) "George," and George's new girlfriend, "Janet." George went to the restroom. Janet took his seat so we could talk. After some chitchat, Janet reached over and stroked my fiancé's face. I was completely shocked. My fiancé left the table almost immediately to use the restroom himself. Upon his return, he switched his seat to be on the other side of me (not near Janet). He later told me that he left the table to avoid her and that she had also been rubbing up against his leg. I was beyond furious. My fiancé begged me not to confront her, so we abruptly left. Initially, I was furious with my fiancé for not saying something to her immediately. He said he was so stunned that he just wanted to leave. The next morning, he told George what Janet did, and said how uncomfortable it made both of us. George was unfazed, and blamed it on Janet's drinking that evening. A friend is hosting a Fourth of July party, and my fiancé wants to go. George and Janet will definitely be there. Do we go? If so, I am most certain I will address this — in person! What is your take on this? — *Protective Fiancee*

**Dear Protective:** Your fiancé's response to this uninvited touching is extremely common. People who have never experienced this sometimes criticize the victim for not speaking up in the moment. But the nearly universal response to this sort of violation is to first freeze — and then to create distance. My take on Janet's behavior is that she is a boundary-crosser who believes she can get away with it — in part because she is a woman. She is counting on a double-standard regarding how people tend to respond when men's physical boundaries are violated. If your fiancé wants to attend this party, then he should! His choice not to let what happened control him is a good one. Does he want you to confront Janet? If so, then go for it, and enjoy the fireworks. Your fiancé might want to address this violation himself. If so, he should be prepared for the typical response from perpetrators: denial, deflection, diminishing the behavior and possibly even blaming him for inviting it — which he did not do.

**Dear Amy:** I am one of three daughters-in-law. Ever since the other daughters-in-law came into the family there have been many problems. They all live in our in-laws' house. (I don't.) One particular daughter-in-law constantly fights with her husband and disrespects his parents. She is now living with her parents since her last fight six months ago. I tried to help, but by pointing out all that she was doing wrong, I think that I have actually made matters worse. Her behavior toward family members seems to have improved, although she has not apologized to them. Now she's being negative toward me. I am disappointed that she did not receive my advice in a positive way. Should I continue to reach out? — *C*

**Dear C:** Nobody likes to have their faults pointed out to them, especially when it is framed as you "pointing out all that she was doing wrong." It seems that the distance has helped to stabilize the situation. Intervention is laudable and necessary if you are trying to protect someone. Otherwise — unless you are asked to weigh in or help, you should probably stand down. Yes, I do think you should stay in contact with this in-law. Don't rehash everything, but do stay in touch — unless she asks you not to.

**Dear Amy:** I could not believe your terrible response to "Upset Husband," who was lucky enough to have in-laws who wanted to give their daughter money for a house! He should be grateful, rather than insulted! — *Unhappy*

**Dear Unhappy:** Many readers advised that this man should essentially take the money and run, but these parents seemed eager to control the couple through their largesse, and I shared the husband's concern.

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TV REVIEW

'Gordita Chronicles' sunny, sweet version of classic family comedy

By Robert Lloyd  
Los Angeles Times

A conventional situation comedy unconventionally living on the streaming service HBO Max, "Gordita Chronicles" is as charming as it is often obvious; indeed, one might say its obviousness is part of its charm. This is family comedy of a classic sort — with a few significant differences — funny and appealing and sometimes moving.

Created by Claudia Forestieri ("Selena: The Series"), of Dominican Italian descent like her heroine, with Brigitte Munoz-Liebowitz ("One Day at a Time") as showrunner, it's a network-style memory piece, narrated from the future, like "The Wonder Years" (old and new), "Fresh Off the Boat," "Everybody Hates Chris" or "The Goldbergs" (it shares the latter's colorful 1980s milieu).

Olivia Goncalves plays 12-year-old "Cucu" Castelli, the eponymous "Gordita," translated here as "little chubby" and considered a term of endearment back home in the Dominican Republic. Cucu's family of four moves to Miami when father Victor (Juan Javier Cardenas) is hired as a marketing executive at an airline looking to expand its Latin American market. Mother Adela (Diana Maria Riva) looks forward to a new life and a house with a pool; fashionably thin older sister Emilia (Savannah Nicole Ruiz) is happy to be going to a school not run by nuns. Every family member gets individual storylines, though Cucu holds down the series' center.

Victor has failed to measure his salary to include American withholding tax, so instead of a



Olivia Goncalves stars as 12-year-old Cucu Castelli in "Gordita Chronicles." **LAURA MAGRUDER/HBO MAX**

dream house with a lawn and a pool, the family lands in a lively Latino apartment complex in working-class Hialeah.

Although a good amount of comedy is mined from the strangeness of American ways, "Gordita" is not exactly a fish-out-of-water comedy, since the Castellis live in a community of peers, or near peers. (We are reminded, through the subject of coffee, that the Dominican Republic is not Cuba, which is not Colombia.) The population at the girls' school is mixed; the popular Bubble Gum Girls, who adopt Emilia (causing her much anxiety over maintaining status), are Latina.

Prejudice, though acknowledged — Victor is mistaken for a drug dealer, because he's a well-dressed Latino with a pager — is clueless rather than vicious, and mined for laughs: Anglos mispronouncing Spanish words or Victor's boss saying, "I had a margarita yesterday, and I thought of you." When Cucu gets lectured for speaking Spanish in class — Dade County, we are informed, passed a law that only English could be spoken in public buildings — it is the apex of the series' political engagement.

Indeed, the plots could not be any more sitcomical: the premiere episode (directed by Eva Longoria, also an executive producer) turns on Cucu's lie that Gloria Estefan is her aunt and will sing at a school dance.

While culture informs (and enlivens) everything and class can be an issue, they are rarely the point. The issues Cucu and Emilia face are familiar from middle-school comedies and the comedy of middle school; Victor's challenges at work are not far from those faced by Darren Stevens on "Bewitched." Adela deals with her visiting mother and a needy friend. Positivity and goodness win out; more than once, dancing saves the day.

It's not easy to make something authentically sunny and sweet. Shock effects are easy; sex takes no effort to throw on the screen. But sincerity takes art. Apart from the novel culture of its characters, "Gordita Chronicles" breaks no new ground in comedy — it doesn't need to — but its makers and cast are clearly in love with these people and their story. To have heart, work has to come from the heart.

**How to watch:** HBO Max

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Your current emotional well-being might hinge on something shiny. Occasionally indulging yourself is fine, but it's also important you don't let material objects paper over a bigger crack in your home life. That said, a few splurges shouldn't break the bank.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Following your usual routine may not suit your needs at this time. Even if you prefer to obey instructions, you could find more satisfaction in thinking outside the box. Don't let other people's expectations hold you back. You don't owe people the same behavior day after day.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Beautiful places are waiting for you to discover them, provided you take the road less traveled. An abstract approach might run more smoothly than an overly logical one. You don't have to assert yourself to get where you're meant to be. The cosmos has a plan for you.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Friends aren't there just to entertain you. You're likely swimming in your feelings, putting you in touch with your deeper needs. You might be surprised how much some socialization can do to lift your spirits. You can have a cathartic day if you team up instead of doing things alone.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You could surprise even yourself with how well you handle important matters at this time. Expect the unexpected — just remember, you have all the tools you need to knock any potential curveballs right out of the park. Staying levelheaded when under pressure could impress all sorts of people.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Two heads are better than one right now. Forming a team of like-minded individuals will allow you all to go further together than you'd manage apart. Organize an outing for everyone where you can broaden your horizons, but don't sweat it if someone else wants to be the ringleader.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** This isn't a quiet kind of day, and it could have a lasting impact on the landscape of your life. This could bring a windfall your way, probably for something you've been working on quite some time. Putting in the effort can make a major gamble more likely to pay off.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The whole world is waiting for you to come and explore it, Scorpio. A particular person could be the catalyst that starts you on your journey. That space beside you could fill when you least expect it. Whether you'll be the driver or the passenger may be a surprise.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** As adventurous as you might be, the most basic of tasks today can fill you with an unexpected sense of satisfaction, making everything look larger than life. Putting one foot in front of the other can get you through. Try to find the beauty in simplicity and focus on removing any excesses from your life.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Others currently want to bring good things into your life, even if you aren't expecting it, ensuring that you don't take on too much by yourself. This could provide you the space to have a very pleasant day. Accept this gift for what it is and try to leave work for tomorrow.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Getting into the groove of things could be a rather emotional process at the moment. The universe likely has you in the frame of mind to cross your t's and dot your i's. An unexpected event could cause you to have an emotional reaction, but that doesn't have to be a bad thing.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** It could be rather difficult trying to keep a lid on all your current ideas. Inspiration is pouring into your mind, showing you all sorts of fresh concepts, so you'd be wise to take notes. Even if you don't normally consider yourself very creative, you could be in for a surprise.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On June 29, in 1613,** London's original Globe Theatre was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

**In 1967,** Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

**In 1970,** the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

**In 1978,** actor Bob Crane of "Hogan's Heroes" was found bludgeoned to death in an apartment in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**In 2006,** the Supreme Court ruled that President George W. Bush's plan to try Guantanamo Bay detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law.

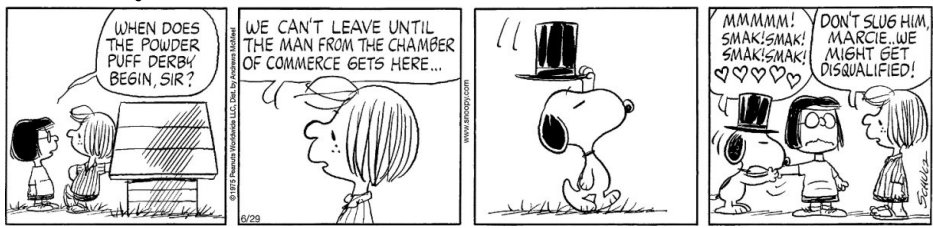
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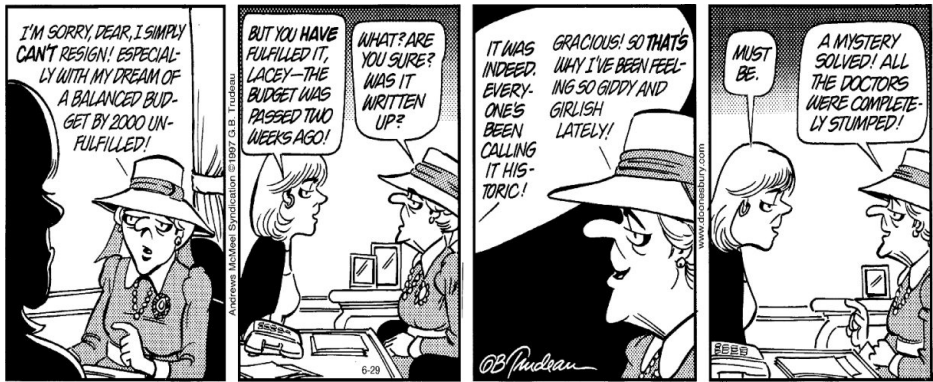




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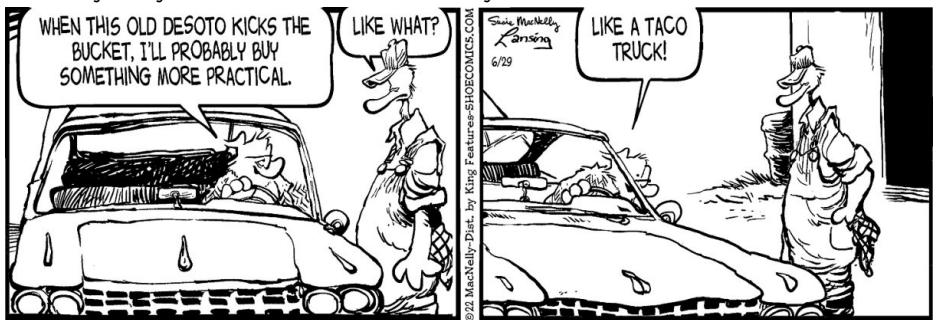
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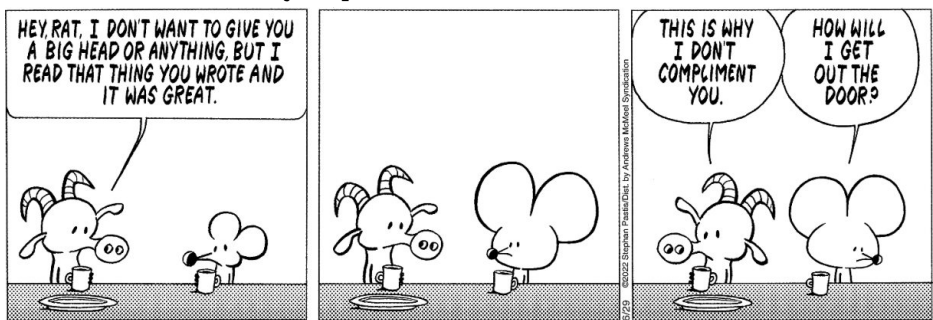
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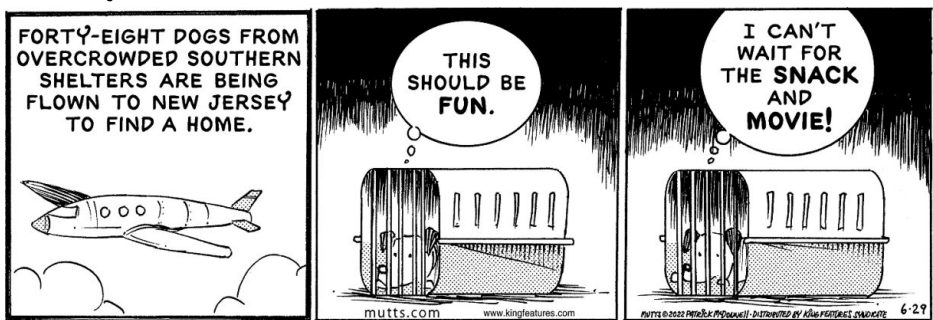
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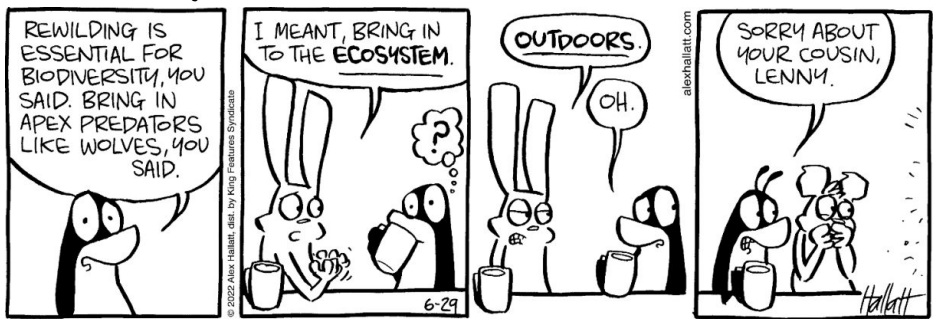
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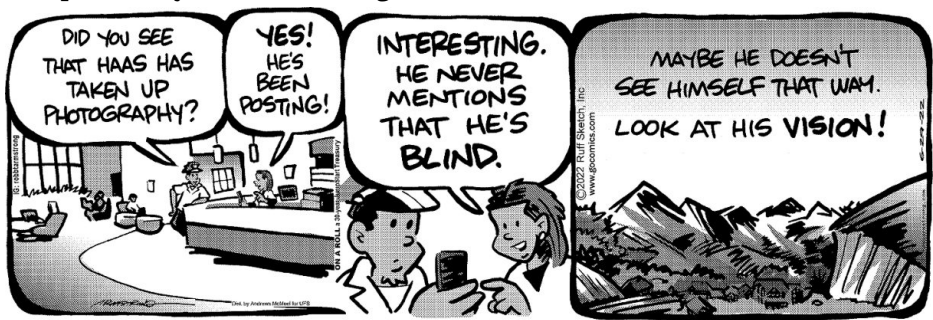
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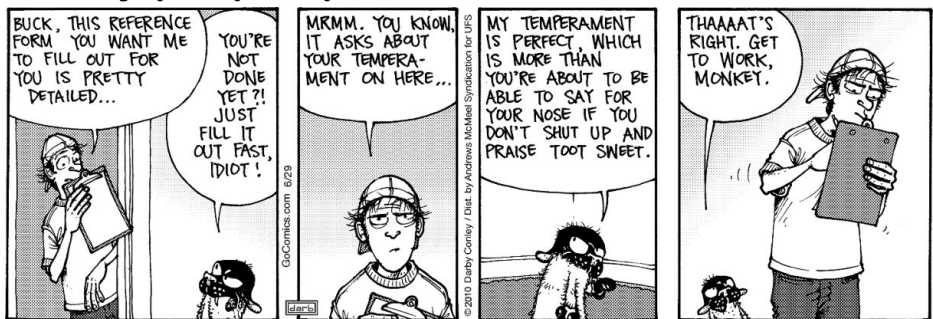
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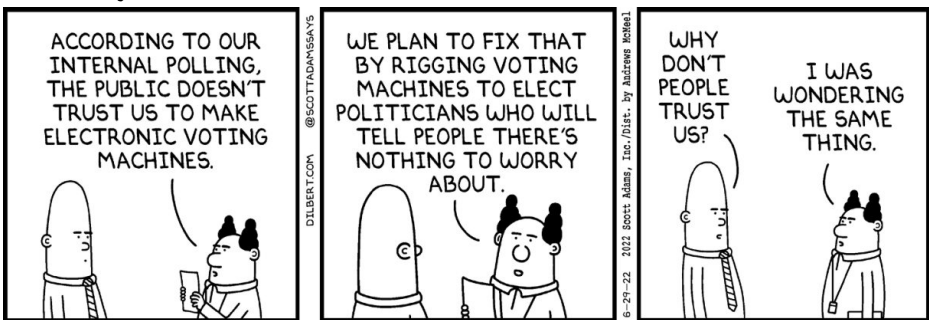
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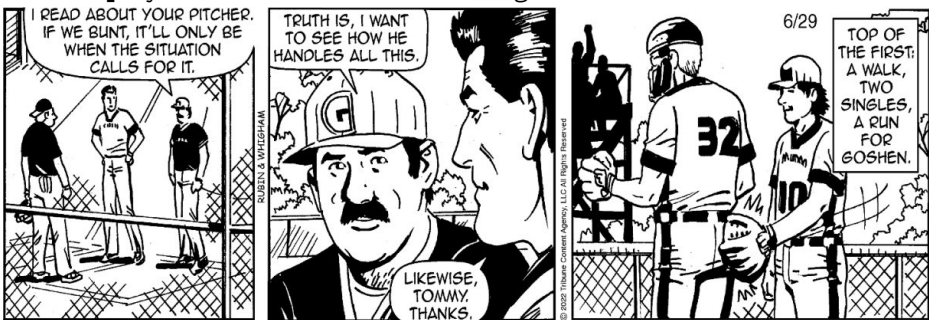
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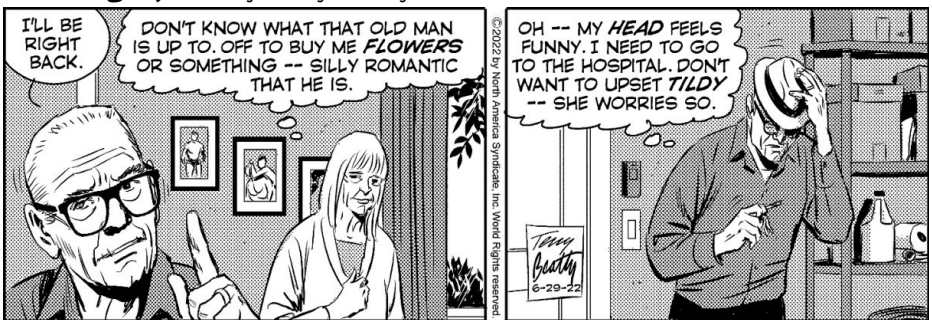
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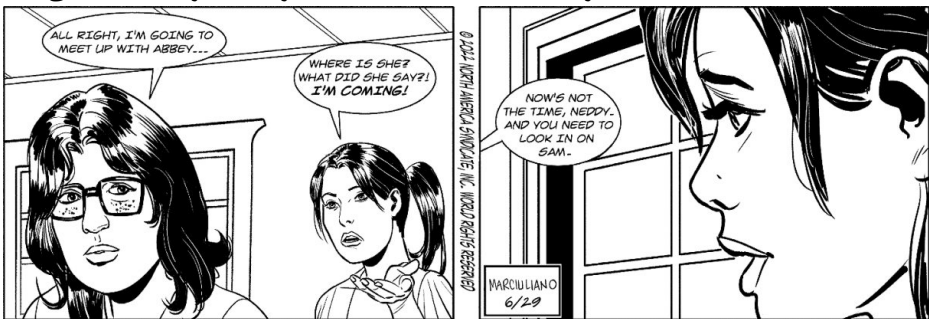
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**Judge Parker** By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



**Baldo** By Cantu and Castellanos



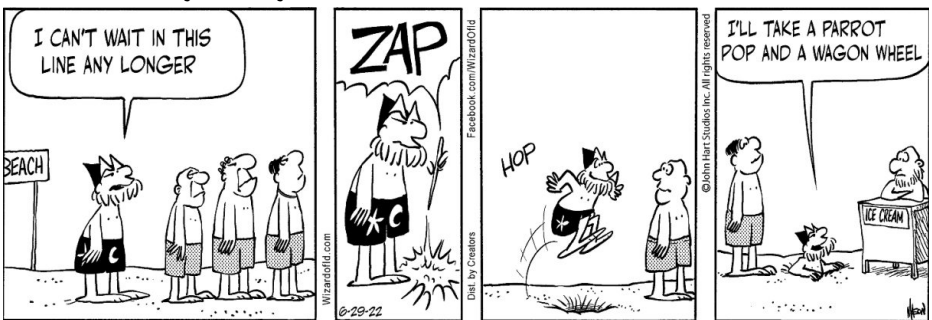
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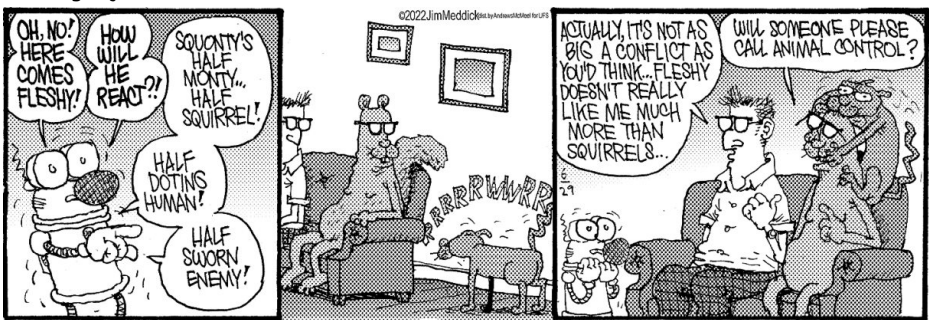
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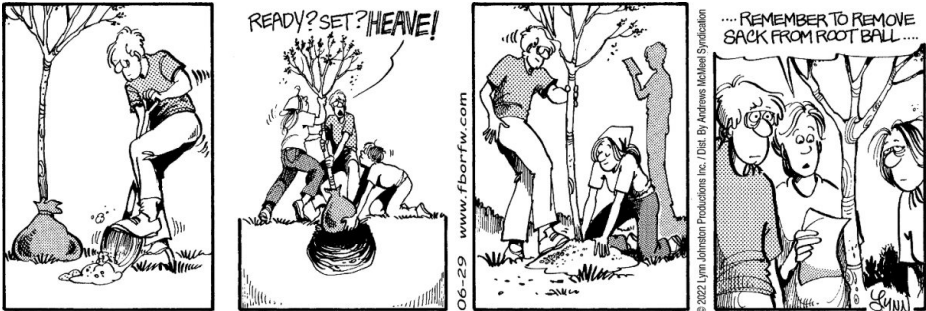


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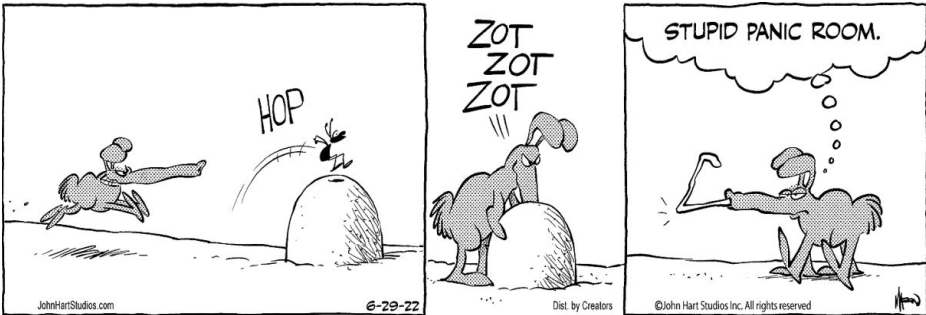




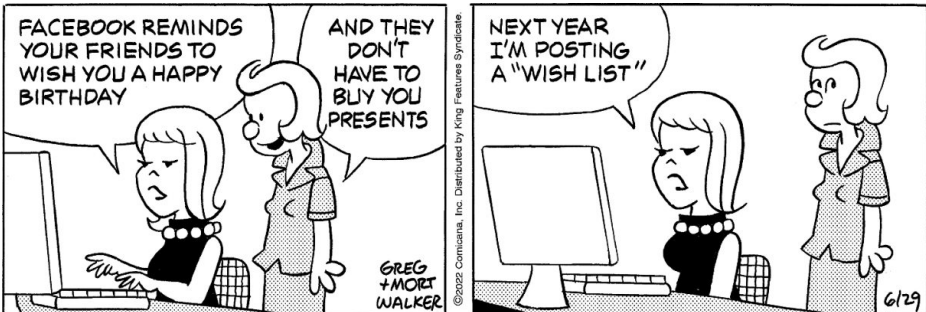
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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



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Curtis By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer





# ‘This is not who we are’? Testimony tests that

  
**Heidi Stevens**  
*Balancing Act*

My mind keeps returning to Shaye Moss’ brave, devastating testimony at the committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the United States Capitol. Moss described the threats and abuse she and her family have endured since former President Donald Trump and his top campaign lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, spread a vile lie that Moss and her mother, Ruby Freeman, both election workers in Fulton County, Georgia, rigged the 2020 presidential election. In a phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger shortly before the Jan. 6 attack, Trump mentioned Freeman by name and called her a “professional vote scammer and hustler.”

Angry mobs, fed a pack of lies, came after Moss online and in person, wielding their racism and misguided indignation. She and her mother had to move out of their homes. To this day, both women fear for their lives and cringe when someone says their names in public.

Neither serves as an election worker anymore — an infuriating detail in and of itself.

“I’ve always been told by my grandmother how important it is to vote and how people before me, a lot of people, older people in my family, did not have that right,” Moss, who is Black, told the House committee.

“What I loved most about my job were the older voters. Younger people could usually do everything from their phone or go online. But the older voters liked to call. They liked to talk to you. ... I was excited always about sending out



Wandrea ArShaye “Shaye” Moss, a former Georgia election worker, is sworn in before the U.S. House Select Committee’s fourth hearing on its Jan. 6 investigation June 21 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. YURI GRIPAS/ABACA

all the absentee ballots for the elderly, disabled people. I even remember driving to a hospital to give someone her absentee ballot application. That’s — that’s what I loved the most.”

She invested herself in protecting a system that, in its original form, didn’t even make room for her. That takes a special sort of conviction — the sort this nation relies on to become a more perfect union. That conviction was squandered, when it should have been held sacrosanct.

Shortly after Trump and Giuliani’s lies went viral, a group of people showed up at Moss’ grandmother’s house looking for Moss and Freeman, determined to make a citizen’s arrest. She called Moss in tears, terrified.

“This woman is my everything,” Moss told the committee. “I’ve never even seen or heard her cry, ever in my life.”

“I told her, ‘Close the door,’” Moss continued. “‘Don’t open the door for anyone.’ She’s a 70-something-I-won’t-say woman. She doesn’t like having restrictions. She wants to answer the door. She like to get her steps in, walking around the neighborhood. I told her, ‘You can’t do that. You have to be safe.’”

She likes to get her steps in. For some reason that detail gutted me.

“I have always believed it when God says he’ll make your name great,” Freeman told the committee, during videotaped testimony. “But this is not how it was supposed to be.”

Her community in Georgia, where she was born and lived her whole life, knows her as Lady Ruby, she told the committee. She built a small business, Ruby’s Unique Treasures, around her good name.

“I wore a shirt that proudly proclaimed that I was and I am Lady Ruby,” Freeman said. “I had that

shirt in every color. I wore that shirt on Election Day 2020. I haven’t worn it since, and I’ll never wear it again.”

She stopped introducing herself by her name. She gets nervous, she said, when she sees someone she knows in public. She doesn’t want her name uttered out loud because she doesn’t know who will overhear.

“I’ve lost my name, and I’ve lost my reputation,” she said. “I’ve lost my sense of security. ... There is nowhere I feel safe. Nowhere.”

“Do you know how it feels to have the president of the United States target you? The president of the United States is supposed to represent every American, not to target one,” she continued. “But he targeted me, Lady Ruby, a small-business owner, a mother, a proud American citizen who stood up to help Fulton County run an

election in the middle of a pandemic.”

At the end of their testimony, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff said this: “In city councils and town councils, on school boards and election boards, from the Congress to the courts, dedicated public servants are leaving their posts because of death threats — to them, and to their families.”

“This is not who we are,” he continued. “It must not become who we are.”

I’ve grown a little weary of hearing “this is not who we are.” I understand the pull to believe it, and I respect the intention of people who say it, especially if you or someone you love has toiled or even died to make this country free and fair for all. But “this is not who we are” has always felt like a little bit of a dodge to me, like a refusal to acknowledge the darker parts of our history and present.

Last year, the day after the Jan. 6 attack, CNN hosted former Defense Secretary William Cohen to talk about what we had just witnessed. He talked about who we are and, I think, put the phrase — and the attack — into clear, important context.

“People say this is not who we are, but it is a good part of who we are and who we have been,” he said. “These are the same people that used to be the Night Riders, and I know this from my wife’s experience of having to fall to the floor and put out lanterns when the Night Riders came up on the porch of her uncle with their horses. These are the same people who were the Jim Crows. These are the same people who were segregationists. These are the same people who are white supremacists. So this has been a part of our history.”

“So when we say it’s not who we are,” Cohen continued, “it’s a part of who we are. And who we have been, and what we hope we won’t be going forward. But this is an indigenous part of the United States and we have added to the myth that we’re different, we’re exceptional, this is not who we are — these kind of incendiary bomb throwers, arsonists, anarchists. Yeah. They’ve been with us since the founding of this country.”

What we hope we won’t be going forward. That’s the part that needs our focus and our work.

We owe that much to Shaye Moss and to Ruby Freeman and to every other family whose faith and security were shaken by Jan. 6 and all the days since.

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# SPORTS

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WNBA

## Pacific Northwest a UConn territory

Eight-time WNBA All-Star Charles joins fellow Huskies alums Bird, Stewart and Williams in Seattle

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

Former UConn star Tina Charles has signed with the Seattle Storm, the WNBA franchise announced Tuesday.

“We are excited to add one of the premier players in our league to our roster,” Storm head coach Noelle Quinn said. “Tina is a prolific scorer who brings veteran experience and adds depth to our front court. We look forward to seeing the immediate impact she can make for our team.”

The terms of the deal were not disclosed, per team policy, but Charles is on a contract with the

Storm for the rest of the WNBA season. The move comes after Charles and her former team, the Phoenix Mercury, agreed to a contract divorce over the weekend.

“It was extremely tough,” Charles said, “I didn’t go into the season thinking I would switch teams. That’s never something that I’ve done, but at this point in my career and what I’m trying to get out of it and how I want to be coached, what type of culture I want to be a part of, it was very imperative for me that OK, championship or not, what am I surrounded by?”

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UConn sophomore Paige Bueckers has announced her latest NIL deal with Gatorade. **GATORADE**

UCONN WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

### Bueckers unveils multiathlete collection with Gatorade

By Joe Arruda  
Hartford Courant

Gatorade unveiled its first collaboration with UConn women’s basketball star Paige Bueckers, which features her in the brand’s multiathlete bottle collection alongside Trevor Lawrence, Fernando Tatis Jr. and Sydney McLaughlin, the company announced Tuesday.

Bueckers signed a name, image and likeness deal with Gatorade in November, becoming the company’s first NCAA partner.

“Paige brought her personality and love of the game to life with her first Gx Collaboration bottle. It features a bold color palette and personal touches including the phrase ‘Be You Be Great’ nodding to her father’s impact, her iconic game day braids with the blue and pink overlapping ribbons and her ‘Buckets’ nickname,” Gatorade senior design director Sean Huls said in a statement.

Bueckers’ bold design “brings

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WIMBLEDON FIRST ROUND



JOHN WALTON/AP

## A SHORT COMEBACK FOR SERENA

Serena Williams (above) reacts during her first-round Wimbledon match against Harmony Tan (right) of France on Tuesday. Williams, 40, was competing in her first singles match since being injured at Wimbledon in her first-round match in 2021. She lost to the unseeded Tan 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7). **See story, Page 7**



ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

RED SOX NOTES

## Price sends Cora encouraging text about Seabold

By Jason Mastrodonato  
Boston Herald

Red Sox manager Alex Cora saw his phone buzz at 1 a.m. on Tuesday morning in Toronto.

It was David Price.

The former Red Sox pitcher has started to gain momentum as a reliever for the Dodgers this year, but that’s not why he was texting Cora early in the morning.

“He was like, ‘that kid is good,’” Cora told reporters in Toronto on Tuesday.

“That kid” is Connor Seabold, the Red Sox prospect who made his second career big league start on Monday and allowed seven runs in the Sox’ 7-2 loss to the Blue Jays.

“I was like, ‘oh, thank you, thank you for watching,’” Cora said to Price.

Seabold’s bizarre night left many a bit confused. Despite allowing seven runs, he struck out seven batters and generated a remarkable 21 whiffs on 46 pitches swings, a 46% whiff rate that would rank as one of the best in the big leagues if he was doing that on a nightly basis. But he also gave up some



Red Sox starting pitcher Connor Seabold throws to a Blue Jays batter in the first inning Monday in Toronto. **JON BLACKER/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

loud contact, including three home runs as the Red Sox saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end.

Evidently, Price liked what he saw.

“I think they recognize the swing and misses,” Cora said. “They saw the changeup. Obvi-

ously it’s not an easy lineup but there were a lot of positives from yesterday. We want to make sure he understands that. Obviously the line is the line. He’s not happy with it. But, stuff-wise, it’s a lot better than last year in September.”

Seabold’s fastball averaged just 92 mph but generated a 42% whiff

rate. If he had enough innings to qualify, that would rank as one of the best pitches in baseball. And his changeup was good enough to prompt catcher Christian Vazquez to walk up to Cora and let him know how he felt about it.

Unfortunately, Seabold described his slider as being awful, and he wasn’t wrong. Two of them were demolished for home runs as the pitch was barely moving.

Still, the changeup is “a pitch we haven’t seen in a while,” Cora said. “From everything I hear, that was the pitch when he got traded (from the Phillies in 2020) and he lost feeling of it. One thing that (chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom) mentioned: one inning, the last one in Worcester, and it rated really good. Yesterday, Christian, he felt it was the best pitch.”

Seabold, a third-round pick in 2017, has a 2.09 ERA with 51 strikeouts in 51- $\frac{2}{3}$  innings with Triple-A Worcester this year.

He was optioned back to the minors on Tuesday, but the Sox are considering starting him again

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SOCCER

## Winning debut

In Reid’s 1st game in new role, Hartford Athletic defeat Colorado Springs

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

On the sideline, with a brand new title, Ray Reid did what he does best: Win soccer games.

Hartford Athletic’s newly named interim coach led his squad to a 2-0 victory over the Colorado Springs Switchbacks on Tuesday at Trinity Health Stadium.

“We’ve got a good group,” Reid said. “I’ve been watching practice since the middle of April and I’ve said to people this group is better than their record. They had low confidence. Tonight they got it.”

Reid was named interim coach on Saturday after former coach Harry Watling resigned and returned to England to tend to family matters. Reid joined the Athletic (4-4-9) on May 13 as technical director.

The sudden coaching change was quite a shock for the players.

“I give these guys a lot of credit,” Reid said. “They’ve been working hard and their focus was great. Really great effort from the boys and I couldn’t be happier for these kids.”

Reid is a Connecticut soccer royalty. He spent his first eight seasons coaching his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State University, from 1989-1996, leading them to three national championships in 1990, ‘92 and ‘95.

He replaced the legendary Joe Morrone at UConn in 1997 and led the Huskies to the Division I national championship in 2000, eight Big East regular-season titles and four conference tournament titles. In May 2021 Reid, 62, retired to take care of his elderly parents. At the time of his retirement, he had an overall career record of 394-197-61.

Reid doesn’t expect to be coaching the Athletic for very long.

“Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in,” he said, quoting a line from a Godfather movie. “Harry resigned and we got a very young staff. We are going to have a big-time coach in two weeks. Bruce Mandell (owner) has made a major commitment and get the right to lead this team. Then, I can go back to help from the outside. Hopefully, we can stay positive a little bit and get momentum going.”

For a midfielder, Andre Lewis this game was an important one as it was against his former team and he delivered with the second goal.

“I wanted to win and the goal came when I took it,” he said. “I am a really happy man.”

From the start of the game, both teams were aggressive in pursuing the ball, leading to many fouls.

Despite eight shots by Hartford, only two were on target. At

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

**Red Sox:** at Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Cubs, Friday, 2:15 p.m.; at Cubs, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.  
**Yankees:** Athletics, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; at Astros, Thursday, 6 p.m.; at Guardians, Friday, 7 p.m.  
**Mets:** Astros, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Rangers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Rangers, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** Binghamton, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Friday, 7 p.m.  
**Sun:** at Sky, Wednesday, noon; Mystics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Dallas, Tuesday, 8 p.m.  
**Hartford Athletic:** at Detroit City, July 6, 7:30 p.m.; Tampa Bay, July 9, 7 p.m.; at Charleston, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO  
BASEBALL

**1 p.m.:** Oakland Athletics at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9  
**1 p.m.:** Houston Astros at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880  
**1 p.m.:** MLB Baseball (Live) MLB  
**7 p.m.:** Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080  
**7 p.m.:** MLB Network Showcase. (Live) MLB  
**BASKETBALL**  
**12 p.m.:** Connecticut Sun at Chicago Sky. (Live), NESN  
**10 p.m.:** WNBA: Indiana Fever at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) NBA  
**FOOTBALL**  
**5 a.m.:** Brisbane Lions vs Western Bulldogs. (Live) FSP  
**GOLF**  
**7:30 a.m.:** Asian Tour Golf Kolon The 64th Korea Open Golf Championship, Third Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF  
**9:30 a.m.:** Asian Tour Golf Kolon The 64th Korea Open Golf Championship, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF  
**HOCKEY**  
**6 p.m.:** 2022 Memorial Cup Hockey Game 9: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL  
**LACROSSE**  
**12 p.m.:** Lacrosse The Naptown Challenge. (Live) ESPN  
**2 p.m.:** Lacrosse The Naptown Challenge. (Live) ESPN  
**7 p.m.:** 2022 World Lacrosse Women's World Championship United States vs Canada. (Live) ESPN  
**SOCCER**  
**7 p.m.:** Canadian Premier League Soccer Valour FC at Forge FC. (Live) FSP  
**10:30 p.m.:** MLS Soccer FC Dallas at Los Angeles FC. (Live) FS1  
**TENNIS**  
**6 a.m.:** 2022 Wimbledon Championships Second Round. (Live) ESPN  
**4:30 p.m.:** 2022 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's & Ladies' Second Round. (Taped) TENNIS

BASEBALL

Scherzer's rehab start against Goats pushed back to Wednesday

By Joe Arruda  
Hartford Courant

New York Mets pitcher Max Scherzer's rehab start with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies Tuesday against the Yard Goats at Dunkin' Donuts Park has been postponed to Wednesday. "Just giving him an extra day. He's right where he needs to be. There's no reason to rush it," Mets manager Buck Showalter said Tuesday, according to SNY. Scherzer, a three-time Cy Young winner, is recovering from a strained oblique he suffered May 18 in a start against the St. Louis Cardinals. Sidelined six weeks, Scherzer returned to live-game action on June 21 when he threw 65 pitches through 3 ½ innings for the Rumble Ponies. The eight-time all-star and 2019 World Series winner struck out six and walked one while allowing three hits and two earned runs. "I have to respect the injury, I cannot have a setback. I will pitch when I'm ready to pitch," Scherzer told SNY on Saturday.

**Yard Goats 6, Rumble Ponies 2:** Hunter Stovall had three hits, including a pair of solo home runs, to lead Hartford to the Eastern League Northeast Division win over Binghamton in the opening of a six-game series at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Stovall homered in the first and seventh innings for the Yard Goats (44-26), and Niko Decolati had two hits, including a home run, and two RBI. Karl Kaufmann (5-3) started and went six innings for Hartford, allowing just two hits and no runs with six strikeouts.



Yankees reliever Albert Abreu pitches in the eighth inning against the Athletics on Monday in New York.

YANKEES

Abreu believes Yankees will help him become best pitcher possible

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Albert Abreu sincerely believes this is where he belongs. The 26-year-old right-hander doesn't mean that as a bold statement, that he deserves his spot in the big leagues or with the best team in baseball right now. No, Abreu feels the Yankees are where he can be the best pitcher he can be. "When the news came that I was gonna come back and join the team again ... it felt like hope, like I was getting hope again," Abreu said through Yankees interpreter Marlon Abreu. "I had lost my confidence and just walking into the Stadium, walking through the doors, I felt a rush of energy and positive energy. And it just let me know that this is where I belong. I felt like a different person right there just walking in this clubhouse."

The Yankees had hoped that a change of scenery, back to where he had some success in the big leagues last year, would help Abreu

and them. Monday night, Abreu looked like a different pitcher. After struggling with Texas, where the Yankees dealt him to get Jose Trevino at the end of spring training, and in Kansas City, Abreu threw strikes and commanded the strike zone. He gave the Bombers 2.1 scoreless, hitless innings as they rallied from a season-high-tying four-run deficit to beat the A's 9-5 at the Stadium. "Wow, I thought he was great," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He was pounding the strike zone. You see what he's capable of when he's pounding the strike zone. He's efficient, his stuff was really good and it's seven big outs." The 2.1 innings pitched was a season high and the most he had pitched in the big leagues since Aug. 11, 2021 with the Yankees against the Royals. He struck out four and walked one. "I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates and definitely the staff that we have here. We have a really good clubhouse. In previous years, I felt very, very comfortable with the guys in this room, the

friendships. I just feel it's the right place for me," Abreu said. "And yeah, in an environment like this, I really do feel that I can thrive and help out." Abreu did not nibble and stayed out of the trouble he found himself in with the Rangers and Royals. In seven games, Abreu walked 12 in 8.2 innings pitched with Texas and walked four in 4.1 innings over four appearances with Kansas City. "Yeah, one way to channel that energy is to focus and stay away from the walks. That's something that hurt me. And I just wanted to channel that energy, focus on throwing strikes," Abreu said. "When I know I have the opportunity to be the pitcher that I've been the last couple of years for this team. So yeah, definitely focusing on attacking." The Yankees claimed Abreu off waivers last week. They had liked the potential they saw in him last season — the 35 strikeouts in 36.1 innings pitched — but had traded him along with lefty Robert Ahlstrom to the Rangers for Trevino at the end of spring training.

YANKEES NOTES

Judge says he didn't mean to call himself 'best player on the team'

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge may be the best player in baseball and there would be little argument against it, but the Yankees slugger did not mean to say that. He is human after all and just got a little tongue-tied on Sunday. "When you're the best player on the team how can you not [be confident]?" Judge was quoted as saying in a YES postgame interview on the field Sunday. The clip has gone viral. "I was trying to say 'when you are the best team on the planet,' and I knew I messed it up," Judge said Tuesday. "What I said was when you're the best planet on the team. And I thought to myself I really messed that up. And then I tried to say something about the fans and that came out wrong too."

**Torres injury update:** Gleyber Torres ran sprints before Tuesday

night's game at the Stadium, so the rolled ankle is not an issue. The wrist, which had been bothering him for the last three to four weeks, is feeling better after Monday's cortisone shot and he is hopeful to be back soon. He was out of the starting lineup for the second straight night as the Yankees took on the A's. "I believe I can play in Houston. I want to play tomorrow for sure and just try to do everything possible today," Torres said. "And let's see how I feel." Aaron Boone said Wednesday could be a possibility, but the Yankees manager is usually very cautious with players who are dealing with injuries. Torres said he had been nursing the wrist with tape and therapy for the last three weeks. "I feel like I have like three weeks already before I got the shot yesterday. I mean, put tape, [heat] and those little things just try to play without pain, but the last couple weeks it was getting pretty

sore every day," Torres said. "And I was with the doctor and he prefer I get the shot and [the injury has] gotten better after that." **Banuelos designated:** Manny Banuelos finally making his Yankees debut 14 years after he was signed as a phenom out of his native Mexico was one of the best stories of the early Yankees season, but the 31-year-old's time with the Bombers has come to an end again — for now. The lefty was designated for assignment before Tuesday night's game to make room for J.P. Sears, who made a spot start. "It was difficult," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Obviously, it's a numbers game. Banuelos, who was seen as multiple-inning protection for the starters, made just three appearances. That's mostly because the Yankees starters were going deep into games, not a reflection of him. He pitched to a 2.16 ERA with eight strikeouts and three walks.

SOX

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on Sunday. They could also utilize Thursday's off-day and continue with a four-man rotation until one of Nathan Eovaldi, Garrett Whitlock or Chris Sale is ready to return from the injured list. Sale is making a rehab start with Double-A Portland on Thursday, and Cora said Hadlock Field is already sold out for that game.

**Another pitcher called up:** In need of another pitcher while Tanner Houck is on the restricted list due to being unvaccinated against

COVID-19, the Red Sox selected right-hander Silvino Bracho to the big league roster. Bracho, 29, has a career 4.82 ERA over 92 big league appearances with the Diamondbacks from 2015-20. He had a 3.16 ERA out of relief with Worcester this year. "We'll see how it goes," Cora said. "He can give us two or three innings if needed. But at the same time, we can match up with him in certain situations."

**Failing to lead off:** For as good as the Red Sox offense has been over the last two months, it's still searching for a leadoff hitter.

With Kiké Hernandez on the shelf, Jarren Duran has looked like a quality option, but Duran is also unvaccinated against COVID-19 and unavailable for the series in Toronto. Instead, the Sox turned to Rob Refsnyder again on Tuesday night. The 31-year-old journeyman entered with a .450 on-base percentage over 12 games with the big league club this year. "He controls the at-bats," Cora said. "Deep counts, good swings. Out of the guys that we have right now, he checks all the boxes as a leadoff guy. He gets deep into the count. He does a good job fouling off pitches so it's a long at-bat. We

LATE MONDAY  
Best-in-MLB  
Yankees top worst-in majors A's on late rally

Courant wires

The Yankees took advantage of two catcher's interference calls, a hit batter and a walk to spark a bizarre six-run seventh inning, and Josh Donaldson followed with a go-ahead, two-run double that led best-in-the-majors New York over the big-league worst Oakland Athletics 9-5 on Monday night. Oakland built a 5-1 lead against Jordan Montgomery behind Elvis Andrus' tiebreaking, three-run double in a five-run third inning. Giancarlo Stanton's fourth-inning home run and Aaron Judge's fifth-inning RBI single started the Yankees to their 23rd come-from-behind win. DJ LeMahieu walked against Adam Oller with one out in the seventh. Judge hit a grounder to third, perhaps hard enough for a double play, but plate umpire Manny Gonzalez immediately signaled interference on catcher Sean Murphy. A.J. Puk (1-1) hit Anthony Rizzo near the right elbow with his first pitch, loading the bases, and when Stanton fouled off a 1-0 pitch, Yankees manager Aaron Boone asked for a video review that led to another interference call on Murphy, forcing in a run and cutting New York's deficit to 5-4. Donaldson lined an 0-2 fast-ball at the letters into left field for a 6-5 lead, Jose Trevino hit another two-run double with two outs against Austin Pruitt and scored on Marwin Gonzalez's single. Albert Abreu (1-0) struck out four in 2 ½ hitless innings. New York, coming off a four-game split with AL West leader Houston, improved to 54-20 while Oakland is just 25-50 and has lost 21 of its last 25 games.

**Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 2:** At Toronto, Kevin Gausman matched a season high with 10 strikeouts over seven innings, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit one of three Toronto home runs and the Blue Jays halted Boston's seven-game winning streak. Guerrero hit a two-run home run, his 18th of the season, Matt Chapman also hit a two-run blast and George Springer added a solo shot as Toronto improved to 6-2 against Boston. Gausman (6-6) snapped a four-start losing streak, winning for the first time since May 31 against the White Sox.. Three of the four hits Gausman allowed were singles.

Boston's only runs came off newly promoted right-hander Shaun Anderson in the ninth, when Trevor Story hit a sacrifice fly and Bobby Dalbec added an RBI single that struck Anderson on the foot. The Red Sox, who came in 7-14 against AL East opponents, lost the opener of a stretch in which they face Toronto, Tampa Bay and the Yankees 20 times in 23 games. Only five of Boston's previous 50 games had been against division foes, all of them against Baltimore. The Red Sox went 2-3 in those games, while going 31-14 against other opponents. Boston hadn't faced the Blue Jays, Rays or Yankees since losing three of four in Toronto from April 25-28. The Red Sox have 16 games remaining against both the Rays and Yankees. Bo Bichette hit an RBI double in the first, and Springer made it 2-0 when he homered in the third, his 14th of the season. Bichette followed with a single before Guerrero homered to center.

feel comfortable with him leading off." Entering Tuesday, the Sox ranked near the bottom of the league in leadoff production. Their .224 average ranked 24th, .296 OBP ranked 23rd and .655 OPS ranked 21st. **JBj benched vs. righty:** Christian Arroyo got the start in right field as Cora looked to get Jackie Bradley Jr. on the bench, although it was unusual to see Bradley on the bench against a right-handed pitcher. "All the lefties are playing tomorrow so I'll get (Arroyo) some at-bats," Cora said.



BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	54	20	.730	—	—	6-4	W-2	32-9	22-11
Boston	42	32	.568	12	+1	8-2	L-1	20-16	22-16
Toronto	41	32	.562	12 ½	+ ½	4-6	W-1	22-14	19-18
Tampa Bay	40	32	.556	13	—	5-5	W-3	25-15	15-17
Baltimore	35	40	.467	19 ½	6 ½	7-3	W-1	18-17	17-23

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	42	34	.553	—	—	5-5	L-1	23-17	19-17
Cleveland	37	33	.529	2	2	4-6	W-1	17-14	20-19
Chicago	34	38	.472	6	6	4-6	L-1	16-21	18-17
Detroit	28	44	.389	12	12	4-6	L-1	18-22	10-22
Kansas City	26	46	.361	14	14	5-5	L-3	13-24	13-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	45	27	.625	—	—	7-3	L-1	20-11	25-16
Texas	35	37	.486	10	5	6-4	W-1	17-20	18-17
Los Angeles	36	40	.474	11	6	6-4	W-2	20-22	16-18
Seattle	34	41	.453	12 ½	7 ½	5-4	L-2	15-19	19-22
Oakland	25	50	.333	21 ½	16 ½	3-7	L-1	8-28	17-22

BOX SCORES

LATE MONDAY:

MINNESOTA 11, CLEVELAND 1

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	3	1	0	0	0	.345
Buxton cf	4	0	0	0	3	.233
Celestino cf	1	1	1	0	0	.299
Correa ss	4	1	1	2	1	.300
Contreras lf	1	1	1	0	0	.111
Kepler rf	4	0	0	0	1	.240
a-Miranda 1b	1	0	1	0	0	.229
Kirilloff 1b-rf	2	3	2	1	0	.242
Ursheila 3b	5	2	3	2	1	.261
Sanchez dh	5	2	3	4	0	.227
Gordon lf-ss	3	1	1	2	2	.252
Jeffers c	4	0	0	0	1	.195
TOTALS	38	11	14	11	9	
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	1	0	0	.287
Rosario ss	3	0	1	0	0	.275
Palacios 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.284
Ramirez 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.300
1-Clement 3b-pl	0	0	0	0	0	.194
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.277
Gonzalez rf	3	0	0	0	0	.295
Gimenez 2b-ss	3	0	1	0	0	.318
Miller dh-3b	3	0	0	0	1	.255
Maile c	3	0	0	0	2	.180
Straw cf	3	1	1	0	0	.203
TOTALS	29	1	5	0	3	

Minnesota	030	202	202	—	11	14	0
Cleveland	000	000	011	—	5	1	1

a-singled for Kepler in the 9th. 1-ran for Ramirez in the 7th. **E:** Kwan (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3. **2B:** Urshela 2 (13). **HR:** Sanchez (9), off McKenzie; Gordon (3), off McKenzie; Correa (8), off Shaw. **RBIs:** Sanchez 4 (34), Urshela 2 (32), Gordon 2 (11), Correa 2 (26), Kirilloff (10). **SF:** Kirilloff. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 3 (Ursheila, Kepler, Arraez); Cleveland 3 (Miller, Gonzalez, Naylor). **RISP:** Minnesota 4 for 9; Cleveland 0 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Jeffers, Gonzalez, Gimenez, Naylor, Palacios. **GIDP:** Sanchez, Miller, Naylor, Rosario. **DP:** Minnesota 3 (Ursheila, Arraez, Kirilloff; Kirilloff, Urshela; Urshela, Arraez, Kirilloff); Cleveland 1 (Miller, Palacios, Naylor).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, W-4-1	7	3	0	0	1	3	2.17
Cotton	2	2	1	1	1	0	3.26
CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McKenzie, L-4-6	6	8	7	7	1	7	4.03
Shaw	1/3	1	2	2	2	0	5.32
Gibaut	1/3	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Clement	1	4	2	2	0	0	18.00
<b>HBP:</b> McKenzie (Kirilloff), Gibaut (Gordon). <b>WP:</b> Cotton, McKenzie (2), Clement. <b>PB:</b> Jeffers (3). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Nate Tomlinson; 1B, Lance Barksdale; 2B, Nic Lentz; 3B, Ted Barrett. T: 2:55. <b>A:</b> 12,554 (34,788).							

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, W-4-1	7	3	0	0	1	3	2.17
Cotton	2	2	1	0	1	0	3.26
CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McKenzie, L, 4-6	6	8	7	7	1	7	4.03
Shaw	½	1	2	2	2	2	5.32
Gibaut	1½	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Clement	1	4	2	2	0	0	18.00
<b>HBP:</b> McKenzie (Kirilloff), Gibaut (Gordon). <b>WP:</b> Cotton, McKenzie(2), Clement. <b>BP:</b> Jeffers (3).							
<b>Umpires:</b> PB, Nate Tomlinson; 1B, Lance Barksdale; 2B, Nic Lentz; 3B, Ted Barrett. T: 2:55. A: 12,554(34,788).							

a-walked for Rizzo in the 8th. b-lined out for Pinder in the 9th. <b>E:</b> Murphy 2 (3), Rizzo (4). <b>LOB:</b> Oakland 5, New York 7. <b>2B:</b> Laureano (12), Andrus (18), Gonzalez (7), Donaldson (13), Trevino (3). <b>HR:</b> Rizzo (20), off Blackburn; Stanton (18), off Blackburn. <b>RBIs:</b> Laureano (9), Andrus 3 (14), Neuse (18), Rizzo (50), Stanton 2 (49), Judge (57), Donaldson 2 (22), Trevino 2 (23), Gonzalez (8). <b>SB:</b> Andrus (4), LeMahieu (2). <b>Runners left in scoring position:</b> Oakland 1 (Pache); New York 3 (Gallo 2, Gonzalez). <b>RISP:</b> Oakland 3for 4; New York 4for 8. <b>GIDP:</b> Judge. <b>DP:</b> Oakland 1 (Neuse, Allen, Bethancourt).							
OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Blackburn	5	5	3	3	2	7	3.12
Oller, H-1	1/3	0	2	1	3	0	9.41
Puk, L-1-1, BS, 0-2	1	3	2	0	0	0	7.93
Pruitt	2	1	1	0	0	0	5.14
Snead	1	0	0	0	1	0	.270
NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	6	5	5	5	1	6	3.27
Abreu, W-1-0	2	0	0	0	1	4	2.76
<b>Inherited runners-scored:</b> Puk 2-2, Pruitt 2-2. <b>HBP:</b> Montgomery (Murphy), Puk (Rizzo). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Stu Scheuwater; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, CB Bucknor. T: 3:24. <b>A:</b> 33,168 (47,309).							

ON THIS DATE	JUNE 29
<b>1916:</b> The Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds played a nine-inning game with just one baseball.	
<b>1923:</b> Brooklyn's Jacques Fournier went 6-for-6 with a home run, two doubles and three singles as the Dodgers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 14-5.	
<b>1937:</b> Chicago Cubs first baseman Rip Collins played an entire game without a putout or an assist.	
<b>1941:</b> In a doubleheader against the Washington Senators, New York's Joe DiMaggio tied and then broke the American League record of hitting safely in 41 consecutive games. DiMaggio doubled in four at-bats in the opener and singled in five at-bats in the nightcap to break the record set by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns in 1922.	
<b>1968:</b> Detroit's Jim Northrup hit his third grand slam in a week as the Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 5-2.	
<b>1990:</b> Dave Stewart of the Oakland A's pitched the first of two no-hitters on this day, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-0 at the SkyDome. Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers duplicated Stewart's feat by throwing a 6-0 no-hitter against the St. Louis Cardinals. It was the first time in major league	

LATE MONDAY:

COLORADO 4, L.A. DODGERS 0

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
T.Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	.313
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.304
Smith c	3	0	0	0	0	.258
Muncy 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.160
J.Turner dh	3	0	0	0	0	.216
Mellinger cf	3	0	0	0	1	.211
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	.251
Lux 2b	3	0	2	0	0	.292
Thompson rf	3	0	0	0	1	.182
TOTALS	29	0	3	0	5	
Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Joe dh	4	1	2	0	1	.281
Daza cf	3	0	0	0	0	.311
Bryant lf	4	0	1	0	0	.269
Cron 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.294
Rodgers 2b	4	1	2	0	0	.254
Iglesias ss	4	1	1	2	0	.298
McMahon 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.238
Grichuk rf	3	1	2	0	0	.255
Diaz c	3	0	1	1	1	.218
TOTALS	33	4	11	4	4	

LA Dodgers	000	000	000	—	0	3	0
Colorado	110	002	000x	—	4	11	0

**LOB:** Los Angeles 2, Colorado 6. **2B:** Lux (11), Joe (12), Grichuk 2 (8), Rodgers (17). **HR:** Iglesias (1), off Anderson. **RBIs:** Cron (54), Diaz (19), Iglesias 2 (20). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 1 (Freeman); Colorado 3 (McMahon, Daza 2). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0for 3; Colorado 2 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Bryant, Iglesias. **LIDP:** Diaz. **GIDP:** Rodgers. **DP:** Los Angeles 2 (Muncy, Lux, Freeman; Thompson, T.Turner, Thompson); Colorado 1 (Daza, Iglesias, Daza).

LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson, L-8-1	6	10	4	4	1	2	3.23
Bickford	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.09
Price	1	0	0	0	1	3	.338
COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kuhl, W-5-5	9	3	0	0	0	5	3.49

**Pitches-Strikes:** Anderson 96-66; Bickford 18-13; Price 12-9; Kuhl 102-63. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Anderson 7-8; Bickford 1-0; Price 1-0; Kuhl 9-9. **Batters Faced:** Anderson 27; Bickford 3; Price 4; Kuhl 29. **WP:** Anderson. **Umpires:** Home, Mark Carlson; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Ryan Additon; Third, Jordan Baker. T: 2:19. **A:** 38,706 (50,445).

LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson, L-8-1	6	10	4	4	1	2	3.23
Bickford	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.09
Price	1	0	0	0	1	3	.338
COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kuhl, W-5-5	9	3	0	0	0	5	3.49

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LATE MONDAY:

ST. LOUIS 9, MIAMI 0

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.297
Cooper 1b	3	0	3	0	0	.316
Soler dh	4	0	0	0	2	.215
Garcia rf	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Sanchez cf	4	0	0	0	2	.219
Rojas ss	3	0	1	0	0	.242
Gonzalez ss	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Anderson 3b	3	0	1	0	2	.269
De La Cruz lf	3	0	0	0	1	.211
Stallings c	3	0	1	0	0	.199
TOTALS	32	0	8	0	9	
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman ss	4	1	1	0	2	.269
Capel lf	0	0	0	0	0	---
Donovan lf-1b4	4	0	0	0	1	.308
Goldschmidt 1b	2	4	2	4	0	.347
Sosa ss	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Arenado 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.278
Knizner 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Gorman 2b	4	2	2	0	0	.254
Carlson cf	4	2	2	1	1	.253
Yepez dh	4	2	2	5	2	.282
Nootbaar rf	4	0	0	0	1	.154
Herrera c	3	0	0	0	2	.182
TOTALS	35	9	11	8	11	

Miami	000	000	000	—	0	8	0
St. Louis	100	312	020	—	9	11	0

**LOB:** Miami 6, St. Louis 3. **2B:** Cooper (17), Goldschmidt (24), Carlson (15), Gorman (5). **3B:** Carlson (2). **HR:** Goldschmidt (19), off Lopez; Yepez (8), off Lopez; Yepez (9), off Bleier. **RBIs:** Goldschmidt 2 (64), Yepez 5 (24), Carlson (18). **SB:** Berti (22), Edman (18). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 3 (Soler, De La Cruz 2); St. Louis 1 (Arenado). **RISP:** Miami 0for 4; St. Louis 4for 9. **Runners moved up:** Donovan. **GIDP:** Soler, Berti. **DP:** St. Louis 2 (Edman, Gorman, Goldschmidt; Arenado, Gorman, Goldschmidt).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez, L-5-4	5	6	5	5	1	5	2.98
Nance	1	2	2	2	0	0	6.16
TOTALS	6	8	7	7	1	5	
ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright, W-6-57	7	0	0	0	1	9	3.07
Nalle	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Woodford	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.05
<b>Pitches-Strikes:</b> López 85-56; Bleier 15-8; Nance 40-28; Wainwright 101-69; Nalle 7-7; Woodford 9-7. <b>Batters Faced:</b> López 22; Bleier 5; Nance 9; Wainwright 27; Nalle 3; Woodford 3. <b>WP:</b> Nance, Wainwright (2). <b>Umpires:</b> HP, Tripp Gibson; First, Chad Fairchild; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Erich Bacchus. T: 2:40. <b>A:</b> 34,701 (45,494).							

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez, L-5-4		5	6	5	5	1	5.98
Bleier		1	2	2	2	0	5.55
Nault		3	2	2	7	0	6.16
ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright, W-6-57		7	0	0	1	9	3.07
Nault		1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Woodford		1	0	0	0	0	0.00
<b>Strikes-Strikes:</b> Lopez 85-56; Bleier							
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Nault 7-7; Woodford 9-7.							
<b>Batters Faced:</b> Lopez 22; Bleier 5; Nance 9;							
Wainwright 27; Nault 3; Woodford 3.							
<b>WP:</b> Nance; Wainwright(2).							
<b>Umpires:</b> HP, Tripp Gibson; First, Chad							
Fairchild; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Erich							
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SPORTS



Steve Leibowitz, president of the Miracle League of Northern Connecticut and his wife Laurel, and Lisa and Roy Daniel, who help the Leibowitzs coach adaptive baseball in Tolland, at the site of what will be a new Miracle League sports field at the Northeast School in Vernon. **HARTFORD COURANT**

BASEBALL

# Vernon partners up to get Miracle League field

Facility will be one of three in state suited for Challenger baseball

By Lori Riley  
Hartford Courant

Vernon officials announced Wednesday the town has partnered with the Miracle League of Northern Connecticut to build a handicapped accessible sports field at the Northeast School.

The only two Miracle League fields in the state are in West Hartford and East Lyme and those serve thousands of athletes throughout the state who play Challenger Baseball, a division of Little League. The West Hartford field, which opened 12 years ago, was the first such field in New England.

There are approximately 300 Miracle League fields nationwide.

“West Hartford and East Lyme draw from 45 different communities and the kids travel up to an hour to play on these fields,” said Steve Leibowitz, the president of the Miracle League of Northern Connecticut. “It’s a half-inch low turf field, the ball bounces uniformly, you can get wheelchairs on it. You’re not worried about pesticides or a puddle at first base.

“There’s a need for these fields.”

The fields are constructed with artificial turf with the bases painted on, not raised, so the players in wheelchairs have an easier time negotiating them. The dugouts are handicapped accessible and the fields are also fenced in for safety.

The Vernon field will also be able to be used for soccer and lacrosse.

The field will cost approximately \$600,000 and the money will be privately raised, Leibowitz said. The organization has already raised \$270,000.

“That’s why today is exciting, we have a location,” said Leibowitz, who coaches a Challenger team in Tolland with his wife, Laurel. “Now we’ll be able to do our major fundraising.”

The field will be on school property so the school and the town had to sign off on the project and the school will be able to use the field for gym classes and other activities. The town can use the field for T-ball.

“They came to us, they were looking for a home for this,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. “Any time we can do something to help disabled

athletes, why wouldn’t we step up? They’re going to do the fundraising for it. It’s a great location.”

Leibowitz hopes that the groundbreaking, if the majority of the funding is in place, will take place next June. The field will take about four months to complete.

Lisa Daniel and her husband, Roy, of Coventry have a daughter, Rachel, who is autistic and played Challenger baseball in Tolland until she aged out of the program. The Daniels are assistant coaches in Tolland.

“One day we were at a field near a railroad track and one day a train came through, whistling the whistle and my poor child had no idea what was coming at her or where; she was panic-struck,” Lisa said. “We realized the importance of a suitable field. Many of the fields are not handicapped accessible — as the children get older and their parents get older, their parents are trying to push a maybe 200-pound young man uphill — it’s hard.”

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## Bueckers

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(her) personality to life and is a reminder to find the joy in sport,” the release stated.

Bueckers, a former No. 1 recruit, won all national player of the year awards she was eligible for in her freshman season at UConn, including AP Player of the Year; Naismith College Player of the Year; USBWA Women’s National Player of the Year and the John R. Wooden Award. As a sophomore, Bueckers returned to the court in February after she underwent surgery on a tibial plateau fracture and a meniscus tear, eventually leading the Huskies to the 2022 NCAA national cham-

pionship game.

The 5-foot-11 point guard averaged 18 points, 5.1 assists, 4.5 rebounds and two steals per game in her first two seasons at UConn.

“It’s such an exciting moment to have my first Gatorade Gx bottle embody so much of who I am and stand for on and off the court. I hope my story is a reminder to be confident in who you are, to lift others up and to always strive to be the best version of yourself,” Bueckers said in a statement.

The other athletes with co-designed bottles include Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Lawrence, San Diego Padres shortstop Tatis Jr. and Olympic track star McLaughlin.

Lawrence’s bottle features animal patterns and colors inspired by his Heisman-winning career at Clemson and as a Jacksonville Jaguars No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 draft. Tatis’ bottle represents the youthfulness he’s brought to baseball over his four seasons in the MLB with its bright and colorful design — tropical accents represent him growing up in the Dominican Republic. McLaughlin’s design “inspires athletes to run their own race while finding joy on the track,” the statement read. The black and white bottle features a bright yellow butterfly which is a nod to her father’s mantra, “be the butterfly.”

“At Gatorade, the athlete is at the center of everything

we do and we’re constantly looking for new ways to elevate their voices. For us, the Gx bottle is a blank canvas for storytelling and an opportunity to collaborate with our athletes to bring their journey to life in a creative way. Our first Gx Fuel Tomorrow Collection features some of our youngest roster athletes who inspire the next generation to love the game,” Huls said.

Bueckers’ other NIL partnerships include Cash App and StockX. She also filed a trademark for “Paige Buckets” which would allow her to use the nickname on apparel and signed an NIL deal with the education platform, Chegg, in March to address food insecurity for students.



Ray Reid, shown here during his UConn coaching days, made his debut as interim coach of the Hartford Athletic on Tuesday night and came away with a 2-0 win over the Colorado Springs Switchbacks at Trinity Health Stadium. **COURANT FILE**

## Soccer

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the half the game was a scoreless tie.

“I said at halftime, 45 minutes is

good, but we have to play 90,” Reid said. “We have to get it out and play with some toughness. Then they played well and they gutted it out.”

In the 74th minute, Hartford

forward Ariel Martínez delivered a strike to the back of the net to put them up 1-0. Just four minutes later, in the 78th minute, Lewis scored off a pass by defender Ashkanov Apollon.

GOLF

# New alliance gives 10 European tour players PGA cards

Associated Press

The PGA Tour is awarding cards to the leading 10 players from the European tour and bringing back a direct path to the PGA Tour through Q-school.

The changes were outlined Tuesday as part of an extended partnership between the PGA Tour and European tour through 2035. As part of the joint venture the PGA Tour has increased its share in European Tour Productions from 15% to 40%.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan last week outlined significant changes to the schedule that will feature a January-to-August season starting in 2024 and create purses of \$20 million on aver-

age for eight elite events.

The recent changes give European tour players immediate access to the PGA Tour. The leading 10 players — excluding those already on the PGA Tour, such as Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm — will have full cards for the following year.

The tour now offers 25 cards to the top players on the Korn Ferry Tour, with an additional 25 cards from a three-tournament Korn Ferry Tour Finals series.

Starting in 2023 the top 30 players from the Korn Ferry Tour will move on to the PGA Tour. The qualifying tournament will offer PGA Tour cards to the top five and ties, while everyone else gets some variety of Korn Ferry Tour access.

WNBA

# Sun’s Thomas, Jones named reserves for All-Star Game

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

The 12 reserves for the 2022 WNBA All-Star Game were announced Tuesday.

Connecticut Sun players Alyssa Thomas and Brionna Jones were both selected, as voted by the league’s head coaches. They join teammate Jonquel Jones, the league’s reigning MVP, as a trio of Sun players named All-Stars.

Thomas, named an All-Star for the third time in her career, is averaging 12.6 points, 8.0 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 1.4 steals per game this season. Brionna Jones, joining the All-Star ranks for the second consecutive year, is averaging 13.8 points, 5.0 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.3 steals per game this season.

No additional UConn players were named, with Diana Taurasi and Tina Charles most notably left out of the mix. Taurasi is averaging 16.6 points, 4.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game this season for the Phoenix Mercury. Charles, who just left the Mercury and signed with the Seattle Storm, is averaging 17.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game.

Sue Bird and Breanna Stewart will be the only Huskies competing in the game with both Storm players serving as captains for opposite teams alongside A’ja Wilson and Sylvia Fowles, as announced last week.

The other players named reserves by league coaches include Ariel Atkins (Mystics), Kahleah Copper (Sky), Skylar Diggins-Smith



Liberty guard DiDi Richards (2) fights through the defense of Sun forward Alyssa Thomas (25) and center Brionna Jones (42) during a game June 22 in Uncasville. **SEAN D. ELIOT/AP**

(Mercury), Dearica Hamby (Aces), Natasha Howard (Liberty), Rhynne Howard (Dream), Jewell Loyd (Storm), Emma Meeseman (Sky), Courtney Vandersloot (Sky) and Arike Ogunbowale (Wings).

The other starters, named last week, are Candace Parker (Sky), Nneka Ogwu-mike (Sparks), Sabrina Ionescu (Liberty), Kelsey Plum (Aces) and Jackie Young (Aces).

All-Star captains Stewart/Fowles and Wilson/Bird will select their respective teams through a draft during ESPN’s WNBA All-Star Team Selection Special on Saturday at 3 p.m.. The All-Star game will be played in Chicago at Wintrust

## Charles

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“And that’s really what it was for me. Having a close relationship with Sue [Bird] and being able to talk to her in the offseason, and even now at this point, it just made it really that much easier.

“But it was extremely hard because the decision I made didn’t just impact my life but those in Phoenix. It’s something I think about all the time, but at some point you do what’s best for you and your career and what you’re trying to get out of it.”

There are now four Huskies together in Seattle — Charles joins Bird, Breanna Stewart and Gabby Williams.

“Sue and I are cut from the same cloth,” Charles said. “We came from UConn and there’s a certain level and standard that Coach [Geno] Aurieemma has for his players.”

Selected No. 1 overall out of UConn in the 2010 WNBA draft, Charles is an eight-time WNBA All-Star, three-time gold medalist and was named the league’s MVP in 2012. She led the league in scoring last season, averaging 23.4 points per game with the Washington Mystics.

Charles signed with the Mercury and was averaging 17.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and

2.1 assists through 16 games but was unhappy with her role, according to multiple reports.

“After discussions with Tina and her agent, it was best for both parties to go our separate ways at this time,” Mercury general manager Jim Pitman said. “Due to circumstances both in and out of our control, our season has not gone according to our plan, and we will continue to pursue all avenues for improvement.”

Phoenix is currently 8-12 and in fourth place in the Western Conference. Seattle is 11-7 and in second, three games behind the 14-4 Las Vegas Aces. Charles will be available when the Storm take on Las Vegas on Wednesday night.

“It’s been an emotional whirlwind,” Charles said, “because again I’m human. I know my decision impacted those in Phoenix, but again I still had the support of Diana [Taurasi] and that’s what meant the world to me because of what she’s done for my career and the rest of us and all those who’ve been in and out of the league.

“I’m moving forward and I’m staying present. And those who were involved [in the situation in Phoenix], we all know respectfully, professionally, and this isn’t the platform to explain it here. So I’m thankful to be here.”



# SCOREBOARD

## SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	1	8	29	22	12
New York City FC	8	4	3	27	13	
CF Montréal	8	6	2	26	30	28
New York	7	5	5	26	26	19
Orlando City	7	6	4	25	20	23
New England	6	5	6	24	27	26
Cincinnati	7	7	2	23	23	26
Inter Miami CF	6	7	3	21	17	25
Charlotte FC	6	9	2	20	17	21
Atlanta	5	6	4	19	23	32
Toronto FC	5	8	3	18	23	20
Columbus	4	5	6	18	18	17
D.C. United	4	9	2	14	18	27
Chicago	3	8	5	14	22	32
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	10	3	3	33	32	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	5	29	20	19
Austin FC	8	4	4	28	31	20
FC Dallas	7	4	5	26	26	17
Nashville	7	5	5	26	22	19
LA Galaxy	7	5	3	24	18	16
Seattle	7	6	2	23	17	
Houston	6	7	3	21	20	19
Vancouver	6	8	3	21	18	28
Colorado	5	7	4	19	17	21
Portland	4	6	7	19	25	26
Minnesota United	5	8	3	18	17	19
Sporting KC	4	10	4	16	16	32
San Jose	3	7	6	15	25	34

Three points for win, one point for tie.

**WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES**  
New York City FC at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8p.m.  
CF Montréal at Seattle, 10p.m.  
FC Dallas at Los Angeles FC, 10:30p.m.  
Houston at Portland, 10:30p.m.  
Minnesota at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

**THURSDAY'S MATCHES**  
Austin FC at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.  
Atlanta at New York, 8p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
Seattle at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 10p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**  
Atlanta at New York City FC, 5p.m.  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7:30p.m.  
Cincinnati at New England, 7:30p.m.  
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
N.Y. Red Bulls at Sporting KC, 8p.m.  
Charlotte FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
Portland at Nashville, 8:30p.m.  
Chicago at San Jose, 9p.m.

**MONDAY'S MATCHES**  
D.C. United at Orlando City, 7p.m.  
Austin FC at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Miami at FC Dallas, 9p.m.  
CF Montréal at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**  
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.  
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.  
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
New England at New York City FC, 1 p.m.  
Portland at Seattle, 4:30p.m.  
Austin FC at Atlanta, 7p.m.  
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.  
New York at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.  
Sporting KC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.  
San Jose at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Miami at Orlando City, 8p.m.  
Columbus at Chicago, 8p.m.  
FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.

**U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL**  
Nashville SC vs. Orlando City, 67p.m.

**JULY 26-27, SEMIFINALS**  
Sacramento Republic FC vs. Sprting Kansas City, TBA  
TBA vs. N.Y. Red Bulls, TBA

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	5	2	3	18	16	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	21	7
Chicago	4	1	4	16	14	10
Houston	4	2	3	15	15	10
OL Reign	3	2	4	13	7	6
Angel City FC	4	4	1	13	7	9
Washington	1	3	6	9	10	12
Louisville	2	4	3	9	10	14
Gotham FC	3	4	0	9	5	9
Kansas City	2	4	3	9	8	13
Orlando	2	5	2	8	9	24
North Carolina	2	4	1	7	12	12

Three points for win, one point for tie.

**FRIDAY'S MATCHES**  
Kansas City at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
North Carolina at OL Reign, 10p.m.  
Portland at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCH**  
Chicago at Gotham FC, 7p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**  
Washington at San Diego FC, 5p.m.  
Louisville at Orlando, 8p.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**  
Houston at Orlando, 7p.m.  
Gotham FC at Louisville, 8p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
San Diego at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

**U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE**  
**s-Feb. 17:** U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0  
**s-Feb. 20:** U.S. 5, New Zealand 0  
**s-Feb. 23:** U.S. 5, Iceland 0  
**April 9:** U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1  
**April 12:** U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0  
**June 25:** U.S. 3, Colombia 0  
**Tuesday:** vs. Colombia, at Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah, late  
**v-July 4:** vs. Haiti, 7 p.m.  
**v-July 7:** vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.  
**v-July 11:** at Mexico, 10p.m.  
s-Shebelieves Cup  
v-CONCACAF W Championship

**U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (5-2-3)**  
**q-Jan. 27:** U.S. 1, El Salvador 0  
**q-Jan. 30:** Canada 2, U.S. 0  
**q-Feb. 2:** U.S. 3, Honduras 0  
**q-March 24:** Mexico 0, U.S. 0  
**q-March 27:** U.S. 5, Panama 1  
**q-March 30:** Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0  
**June 1:** U.S. 3, Morocco 0  
**June 5:** U.S. 0, Uruguay 0  
**n-June 10:** U.S. 5, Grenada 0  
**n-June 14:** U.S. 1, El Salvador 1  
**Sept. 23:** exhibition TBA  
**Sept. 27:** exhibition TBA  
**v-Nov. 21:** vs. Wales at Al Rayyan, Qatar, 2 p.m.  
**v-Nov. 25:** vs. England at Al Khor, Qatar, 2 p.m.  
**v-Nov. 29:** vs. Iran at Doha, 2 p.m.  
**n-March 23, 2023:** vs. Grenada, TBA  
**n-March 26, 20203:** vs. El Savador, TBA  
n-Nationas Cup  
q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying  
w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar

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at Washington	-130	Pittsburgh	+110
San Diego	-110	at Arizona	+106
Atlanta	-135	at Phila.	+115
Miami	off	at St. Louis	off
at Chi Cubs	off	Cincinnati	off
LA Dodgers	-190	at Colorado	+162
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at NY Yankees	-290	Oakland	+235
Texas	-156	at Kansas City	+132
Seattle	-168	Baltimore	+127
at Toronto	-147	Boston	+142
at Cleveland	-114	Minnesota	+106
at LA Angels	-142	Chi White Sox	+122
INTERLEAGUE			
at Tampa Bay	off	Milwaukee	off
Houston	-125	at NY Mets	+105
at San Fran.	-220	Detroit	+184

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## TENNIS

### 135TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Tuesday at The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, outdoors-grass**  
**MEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND**  
#2 Rafael Nadal d. Francisco Cerundolo, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.  
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Alexander Ritschard, 7-6(1), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.  
Maxime Cressy d. #6 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(9), 7-6(5).  
#11 Taylor Fritz d. Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.  
#12 Diego Schwartzman d. Stefan Kozlov, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.  
#13 Denis Shapovalov d. Arthur Rinderknech, 6-1, 6-7(6), 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-1.  
#17 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Attila Balazs, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.  
Steve Johnson, d. #18 Grigor Dimitrov, 4-6, 5-2, retired.  
#19 Alex de Minaur d. Hugo Dellien, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.  
#21 Boti Van de Zandschulp d. Feliciano Lopez, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.  
Marcos Giron d. #24 Holger Rune, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.  
#26 Filip Krajinovic d. Jiri Lehecka, 5-7, 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-6(5), 6-4.  
#27 Lorenzo Sonego d. Denis Kudla, 6-7(6), 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.  
Jason Kubler d. #28 Daniel Evans, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.  
#29 Jensen Brooksby d. Mikhail Kukushkin, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.  
#31 Sebastian Baez d. Taro Daniel, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.  
Ryan Peniston d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.  
David Goffin d. Radu Albot, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(5).  
Hugo Grenier d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, 6-3, 7-6(0), 6-7(5), 2-6, 6-4.  
Ricardas Berankis d. Sam Querrey, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.  
Benjamin Bonzi d. Zdenek Kolar, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.  
Nick Kyrgios d. Paul Jubb, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-7(3), 7-5.  
Alex Molcan d. Pedro Martinez, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.  
Richard Gasquet d. Joao Sousa, 7-6(7), 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3.  
Cristian Garin d. Elias Ymer, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.  
Mackenzie McDonald, d. Nuno Borges, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6(3).  
Jack Sock d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 7-6(6), 6-4, 6-4.  
Jordan Thompson d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.  
Hugo Gaston d. Alexei Popyrin, 6-2, 4-6, 0-6, 7-6(3), 6-3.  
Jack Draper d. Zizou Bergs, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6(4).  
Alastair Gray d. Chun Hsin Tseng, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6(3).  
Emil Ruusuvuori d. Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.  
Brandon Nakashima d. Nicola Pietrangeli, 6-3, 6-7(1), 6-3, 6-2.  
Daniel Elahi Galan d. Dominik Koepfer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(1).  
Liam Broady d. Lukas Klein, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7(2), 6-3.  
Dennis Novak d. Facundo Bagnis, 7-6(7), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND**  
#1 Iga Swiatek d. Jana Fett, 6-0, 6-3.  
#4 Paula Badosa d. Louisa Chirico, 6-2, 6-1.  
#5 Maria Sakkrari d. Zoe Hives, 6-1, 6-4.  
#6 Karolina Pliskova vs. Tereza Martincova, 7-6(1), 5-5., susp.  
#11 Coco Gauff d. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.  
#12 Jelena Ostapenko d. Oceane Dodin, 6-4, 6-4.  
#13 Barbora Krejickova d. Maryna Zanevska, 7-6(4), 6-3.  
Qiang Wang d. #14 Belinda Bencic, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.  
#16 Simona Halep d. Karolina Muchova, 6-3, 6-2.  
#17 Elena Rybakina d. CoCo Vandeweghe, 7-6(2), 7-5.  
Ajla Tomljanovic d. #18 Jill Teichmann, 6-2, 6-3.  
#20 Amanda Anisimova d. Yuan Yue, 6-3, 6-4.  
Magdalena Frech d. #21 Camila Giorgi, 7-6(4), 6-1.  
#25 Petra Kvitova d. Jasmine Paolini, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
Alize Cornet d. #27 Yulia Putintseva, 6-3, 7-6(5).  
Petra Martic d. #30 Shelby Rogers, 6-2, 7-6(5).  
#32 Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Christina McHale, 6-2, 6-1.  
#33 Zhang Shuai d. Misaki Doi, 6-4, 6-0.  
Harmony Tan d. Serena Williams, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(7).

S. WILLIAMS	Time: 3:11.	H. TAN
5	Aces	3
3	Double Faults	3
66%	First Serve % in	60%
63%	Win % on 1st Serve	64%
51%	Win % on 2nd Serve	42%
42-67	Net Points Won	20-29
16-17	Break Points Won	5-15
60-134	Receiving Points Won	45-109
61	Winners	29
54	Unforced Errors	28
124	Total Points Won	119
7373.1m	Distance Covered	8568.5m
30.3m	Distance Covered/Pt.	35.3m
16	Service Games	16
96.9mph	Average Serve Speed	89.5mph
117.4mph	Fast. serve Speed	104.4mph

Heather Watson d. Tamara Korpsatsch, 6-7(7), 7-5, 6-2.

Claire Liu d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 7-5, 6-3.

Viktoria Golubic d. Andrea Petkovic, 6-4, 6-3.

Catherine Harrison, d.

Arantxa Rus, 6-1, 6-4.

Yanina Wickmayer d. Zhu Lin, 6-4, 6-2.

Mihaela Buzarnescu d.

Nastasja Schunk, 6-4, 6-2.

Marta Kostyuk d. Katie Swan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Viktoria Tomova d. Daria Saville, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

Lauren Davis d. Madison Brengle, 6-2, 7-5.

Lesley Pattinamba Kerkhove d.

Sonay Kartal, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Ana Bogdan d. Dayana Yastremska, 6-2, 6-2.

Kirsten Flipkens d. Jaime Fourlis, 7-5, 6-2.

Irina Bara d. Chloe Paquet, 6-2, 6-4.

Bianca Andreescu d. Emina Bektas, 6-1, 6-3.

Kristina Kucova d. Laura Pigossi, 7-5, 6-0.

Katie Boulter d. Clara Burel, 7-5, 6-3.

Zheng Qinwen d. Sloane Stephens, 7-6(1), 7-5.

Tatjana Maria d. Astra Sharma, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova d.

Rebecca Peterson, 7-5, 0-6, 6-3.

### WEDNESDAY'S FEATURED MATCHES

#1 Novak Djokovic vs. Thanasi Kokkinakis  
#3 Casper Ruud vs. Ugo Humbert  
#5 Carlos Alcaraz vs. Jaume Munar  
#9 Cameron Norrie vs. Jaume Munar  
Mikael Ymer vs. #10Jannik Sinner  
#15 Reilly Opelka vs. Tim Van Rijthoven  
#20John Isner vs. Andy Murray  
#23Frances Tiafoe vs. Maximilian Martner

#30Tommy Paul vs. Adrian Mannarino

**WOMEN'S FEATURED MATCHES**

#2 Anett Kontaveit vs. Jule Niemeyer

#3 Ons Jaeur vs. Katarzyna Kawa

#5 Maria Sakkrari vs. Viktoriya Tomova

#8 Jessica Pegula vs. Donna Vekic

#9 Garbine Muguruzza vs. Grete Minnen

#10 Emma Raducanu vs. Caroline Garcia

#15 Angelique Kerber vs. Magda Linette

#28Alison Riske vs. Maja Chwalinska

## USFL

### PLAYOFF SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 3

#### USFL Championship

Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio

Philadelphia (7-4) vs. Birmingham, (10-1) 7:30 p.m.

## WNBA

EASTE	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	5	.722	—
Connecticut	13	6	.684	½ 2
Washington	13	9	.591	2
New York	8	10	.444	5
Atlanta	8	11	.421	5½
Indiana	5	15	.250	9
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	14	4	.778	—
Seattle	11	7	.611	3
Dallas	9	10	.474	5½
Phoenix	8	12	.400	7
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	7
Minnesota	5	14	.263	9½

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
Washington 92, Atlanta 74  
Dallas at Minnesota, late

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Connecticut at Chicago, 12p.m.  
Indiana at Phoenix, 10p.m.  
Las Vegas at Seattle, 10p.m.

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Atlanta at New York, 7p.m.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Las Vegas at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8p.m.  
Indiana at Seattle, 10p.m.

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**  
Phoenix 83, Indiana 71  
Las Vegas 79, Los Angeles 73

### ALL-STAR GAME PLAYER POOL

STARTER	(ALL-STAR APPEARANCE
c-Sue Bird	Seattle (13th)
c-Sylvia Fowles	Minnesota (8th)
Sabrina Ionescu	New York (1st)
Jonquel Jones	Connecticut (4th)
Nneka Ogumwike	Los Angeles (7th)
Candace Parker	Chicago (7th)
Kelsey Plum	Las Vegas (1st)
c-Breanna Stewart	Seattle (4th)
c-Aja Wilson	Las Vegas (4th)
Jackie Young	Las Vegas (1st)

RESERVE	(ALL-STAR APPEARANCE
Ariel Atkins	Washington (2nd)
Kahleah Copper	Chicago (2nd)
Skyler Diggins-Smith	Phoenix (6th)
Dearica Hamby	Las Vegas (2nd)
Natasha Howard	New York (2nd)
Rhyné Howard	Atlanta (1st)
Brianna Jones	Connecticut (2nd)
Jewell Loyd	Seattle (4th)
Emma Mesesman	Chicago (2nd)
Arike Ogunbowale	Dallas (2nd)
Alyssa Thomas	Connecticut (3rd)
Courtney Vandersloot	Chicago (4th)
<b>Team Wilson coach:</b> Beck Hammon, LV	
<b>Team Stewart coach:</b> James Wade, Chi	
<b>Captains select from pool at WNBA All-Star Team Selection Special on July 2. The All Star Game at Wintrust Arena, Chicago to be played July 10.</b>	

### AT&T ALL-STAR VOTING RESULTS

Fans accounted for 50 percent of the vote to determine the starters for AT&T WNBA All-Star 2022, while current WNBA players and a media panel accounted for 25 percent each.

GUARDS	FR	MR	PL	SC
*Kelsey Plum (LV)	1	1	1	1.0
*Jackie Young (LV)	2	2	2	2.0
*Sabrina Ionescu (NY)	6	4	5	5.25
*Sue Bird (Sea)	3	9	7	5.50
Jewell Loyd (Sea)	5	10	3	5.75
Skyler Diggins-Smith (Phx)	4	3	14	6.25
Arike Ogunbowale (Da)	11	4	4	7.50
Courtney (Chi)	8	8	8	8.00
Vandersloot				
Rhyné Howard (Atl)	9	6	9	8.25
Kelsey Mitchell (Ind)	13	6	6	9.50

*Aja Wilson (LV)	1	2	1	1.25
*Breanna Stewart (Sea)	2	1	2	1.75
*Sylvia Fowles (Min)	5	5	4	4.75
*Nneka Ogumwike (LA)	6	4	5	5.25
*Jonquel Jones (Con)	8	3	3	5.50
*Candace Parker (Chi)	3	7	13	6.50
Dearica Hamby (LV)	7	9	7	7.50
*Elena Delle Donne (Was)	4	12	20	10.00
Tina Charles (Phx)	9	11	20	10.00
*Emma Meesseman (Chi)	11	9	9	10.00
-Voted to start				
-FR-fran ranking; MR-media ranking;				
-PL-player vote ranking; SC-weighted				
score; -T-tiebreaker for starting spot is				
highest fan vote; c-named captain				



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LOW 61°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Sunny and warm.

HIGH 86°

LOW 64°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny, hot and more humid.

HIGH 94°

LOW 70°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, warm and humid, chance for some showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 87°

LOW 65°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny, warm and moderately humid.

HIGH 87°

LOW 62°

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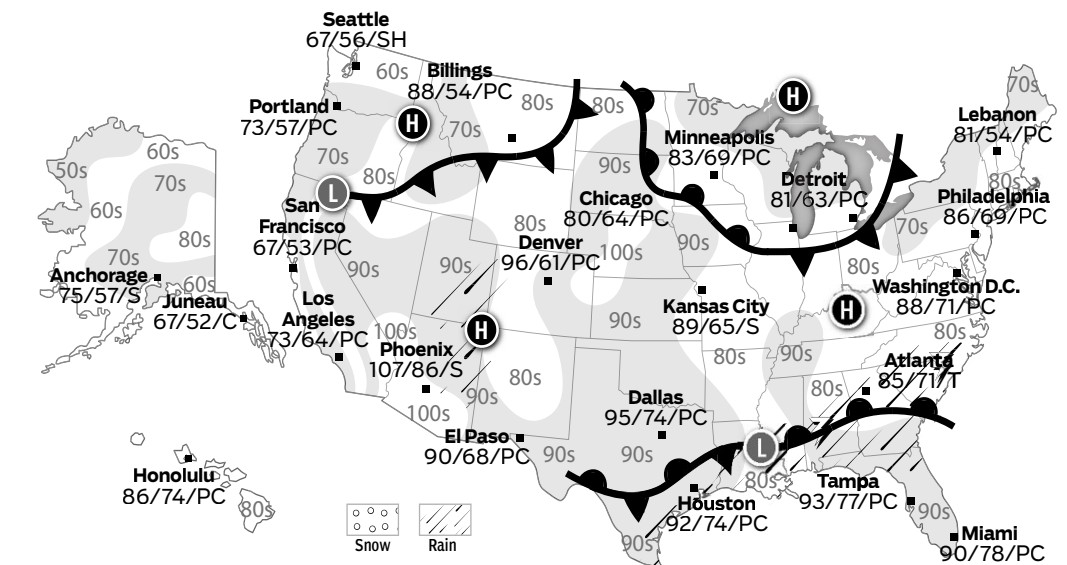
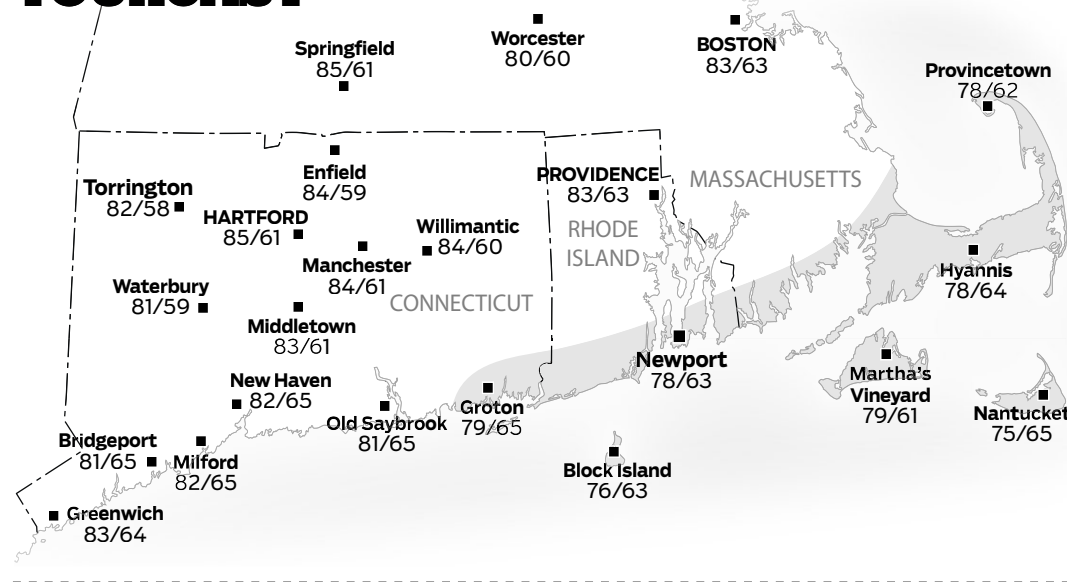
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

High pressure will dominate bringing mostly sunny skies Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, along with warming temperatures and increasing humidity. High temperatures Wednesday and Thursday will be in the mid-80s, then they will jump into the 90s Friday. The dew point will be in the 50s on Wednesday, then be in the 50s to near 60 on Thursday. The dew point will be in the 60s Friday. A weak front will cause a mixture of clouds and some sunshine on Saturday with a few showers and thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. The dew point will be in the 60s.

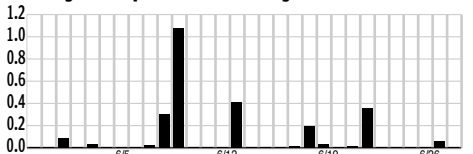
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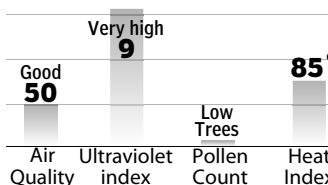
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	2.59 4.03
Total this year	20.17 21.92

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

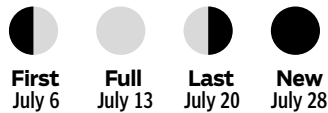


Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:19 a.m.	5:19 a.m.
Sunset	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise	5:22 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Moonset	9:27 p.m.	10:08 p.m.

Moon Phase



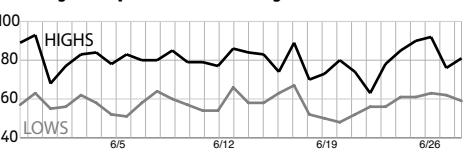
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:34 a.m.	4:49 a.m.	72°
Saybrook Jetty	10:48 p.m.	4:41 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	11:45 a.m.	5:42 a.m.	72°
Madison	11:59 p.m.	5:34 p.m.	
New Haven	2:00 a.m.	9:28 a.m.	
Stamford	2:28 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	
River Stage at Hartford:	a.m. 5:55 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	72°
	12:08 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	
	12:28 p.m.	6:24 p.m.	
	a.m. 6:33 a.m.	69°	
	12:32 p.m.	6:38 p.m.	

Boating Weather MSunny, 5 NW/SW, 5 W/SW, 5-10 Seas 1 ft. 1 ft. 1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	81 at 2:55 p.m.	59 at 3:50 a.m.
Normal for date	83	61
Record for date	97 in 1969	44 in 1995
A year ago	95	72
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 28	224	182	231

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.13 at 11 a.m.	30.01 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	56° at 12 a.m.	49° at 4 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

<b>NEW ENGLAND</b> Bangor 80 56 PC Burlington 79 58 PC Caribou 78 57 PC Concord 84 55 PC Montpelier 76 52 PC Mt. Wash. 51 39 PC Portland 78 58 PC Woods Hole 78 61 PC <b>NATION</b> Albany 80 60 PC Albuquerque 88 66 S Atlantic City 83 63 S	Baltimore 85 65 PC Bismarck 89 58 PC Boise 85 55 S Buffalo 74 57 PC Charleston 85 72 T Cincinnati 85 61 S Cleveland 81 65 PC Indianapolis 84 65 PC Jacksonville 89 72 T Las Vegas 107 84 PC Miami Beach 87 80 PC Milwaukee 72 64 PC	Nashville 90 69 PC New Orleans 89 76 T New York 83 69 PC Oklahoma City 91 66 S Omaha 93 69 S Orlando 94 74 PC Pittsburgh 81 60 PC Raleigh 86 68 PC St. Louis 89 69 S Salt Lake City 94 66 PC San Antonio 96 73 PC San Diego 74 66 PC	San Juan 89 78 PC Tucson 100 77 PC <b>WORLD</b> Amsterdam 77 57 S Athens 90 72 S Bangkok 95 81 T Barbados 84 77 T Beijing 84 72 SH Beirut 85 72 PC Berlin 75 64 SH Bermuda 82 75 SH Budapest 97 68 S Buenos Aires 66 46 C Cairo 94 73 S Cancun 88 78 S Dubai 106 88 S Dublin 63 52 SH Edinburgh 65 51 SH Helsinki 84 63 S Hong Kong 91 81 PC Istanbul 86 66 T Jerusalem 84 66 PC Johannesburg 59 37 PC Singapore 91 75 T	Kingston 90 77 PC Lisbon 75 57 PC London 72 57 C Madrid 90 63 S Mexico City 93 71 S Milan 84 68 C Montreal 73 55 PC Moscow 77 52 T Nassau 88 79 T New Delhi 108 84 R Paris 79 57 S Prague 82 66 T Rio de Janeiro 86 61 C Rome 91 68 SH Seoul 81 75 R Stockholm 73 59 SH Sydney 66 48 PC Tel Aviv 84 65 PC Tokyo 95 75 PC Toronto 73 55 T Vancouver 64 54 SH Warsaw 86 68 SH
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WIMBLEDON FIRST ROUND

Serena falls in 1st match in a year

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams began — and ended — her comeback at Wimbledon after 364 days out of singles competition looking very much like someone who hadn't competed in just that long. She missed shots, shook her head, rolled her eyes.

In between, there were moments where Williams played very much like someone whose strokes and will have carried her to 23 Grand Slam titles. She hit blistering serves and strokes, celebrated with arms aloft.

Returning to the site of her last singles match, which she had to stop after less than a set because of an injury on June 29, 2021, and seven of her major championships, the 40-year-old Williams came within two points of victory. But she could not finish the job against an opponent making her Wimbledon debut and bowed out with a 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7) loss to 115th-ranked Harmony Tan of France.

"It's definitely better than last year," Williams said. "That's a start."

Asked whether this might have been her last match, Williams replied: "That's a question I can't answer. I don't know. ... Who knows? Who knows where I'll pop up?"

With her older sister, Venus, jumping out of a guest box seat at Centre Court to celebrate the best points, Serena Williams was oh-so-close to pulling out a topsy-turvy match that lasted 3 hours, 11 minutes and was contested with the retractable roof shut for the last two sets.

"For my first Wimbledon, it's: Wow. Just wow," said the 24-year-old Tan, who recalled watching Williams on TV as a youngster.

"When I saw the draw, I was really scared," Tan said with a laugh, "because it's Serena Williams. She's a legend. I was like, 'Oh, my God, how can I play?'"

This is one indication of how things were at the get-go: Of Tan's first 11 points, only one came via a winner she produced. Others came via errors by Williams, either forced or unforced.

While Williams — who wore two pieces of black tape on her right cheek; the reason was not immedi-



Serena Williams greets Harmony Tan at the net after losing to her in a first-round singles match at the Wimbledon tennis championships Tuesday in London. JOHN WALTON/AP

ately clear — recovered from dropping the opening two games to lead 4-2, she reversed course again and allowed Tan to quickly climb back into that set with her mix of spins and slices.

When Tan pulled even at 4-all by striking a down-the-line backhand winner, she celebrated with a yell; that shot was so good that even Williams felt compelled to applaud.

Tan came into the day with a 2-6 career record at all Grand Slam tournaments. Clearly enjoying herself — and the setting, the moment, the way it all was going — she broke to lead 6-5 with the help of a cross-court forehand winner, looked at her guest box, raised a fist and waved her arms to ask for more noise from a crowd that was loudly backing Williams.

Next for Tan is a second-round match Thursday against No. 32 seed Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain. Sorribes Tormo advanced by defeating American qualifier Christina McHale 6-2, 6-1.

Earlier Tuesday, No. 1 Iga Swiatek extended her winning streak to 36 matches by beating Croatian qualifier Jana Fett 6-0, 6-3, while others advancing in the women's bracket included No. 11 Coco Gauff, 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejickova and 2019 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu.

In the men's field, the most significant matter Tuesday was the withdrawal of Matteo Berrettini, last year's runner-up to Novak Djokovic at the All England Club, because of a positive COVID-19 test. Another past finalist, Marin Cilic, pulled out Monday for the same reason.

Both Berrettini, who went 9-0 on grass courts elsewhere this month, and Cilic, the 2014 U.S. Open champion, got themselves checked for COVID-19 after developing symptoms; players are not required to get tested in order

to compete. Men's winners included 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal, No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, No. 11 Taylor Fritz and unseeded Nick Kyrgios. No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime bowed out against serve-and-volleying American Maxime Cressy 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (5).

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO WEDNESDAY: With Novak Djokovic, Emma Raducanu and Andy Murray scheduled to play on Centre Court, Day 3 at Wimbledon looks a lot like Day 1. All three players won their opening matches in the main stadium at the All England Club on Monday. Djokovic, a six-time champ who has won the last three Wimbledon men's singles titles, will face Thanasi Kokkinakis.

TUESDAY'S KEY RESULTS

**Women's first round:** No. 1 Iga Swiatek beat Jana Fett 6-0, 6-3; No. 4 Paula Badosa beat Louisa Chirico 6-2, 6-1; No. 5 Maria Sakkari beat Zoe Hives 6-1, 6-4; No. 11 Coco Gauff beat Elena-Gabriela Ruse 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 16 Simona Halep beat Karolina Muchova 6-3, 6-2; No. 20 Amanda Anisimova beat Yuan Yue 6-3, 6-4; No. 25 Petra Kvitova beat Jasmine Paolini 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Harmony Tan beat Serena Williams 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7). **Men's first round:** No. 2 Rafael Nadal beat Francisco Cerundolo 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Alexander Ritschard 7-6 (1), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; Maxime Cressy beat No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (5); No. 11 Taylor Fritz beat Lorenzo Musetti 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; Steve Johnson beat No. 18 Grigor Dimitrov 4-6, 5-2, retired; Nick Kyrgios beat Paul Jubb 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 7-5.

LOCAL BASEBALL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS**  
Zone 3  
NORTHEAST 12, WINDSOR LOCKS/  
WINDSOR 4  
ENFIELD AT EHM, PPD.  
Zone 6  
JEWETT CITY AT WILLIMANTIC, PPD.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
Zone 1  
BRISTOL AT WEST HARTFORD, LATE  
TORRINGTON AT MERIDEN, LATE  
Zone 3  
ELLINGTON AT TRI-COUNTY, LATE  
RCP POST AT MIDDLETOWN, LATE  
EHM AT WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR, LATE  
Zone 6  
WILLIMANTIC AT NORWICH, LATE  
**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Zone 1: West Hartford at Torrington, 5:30p.m.; Meriden at Simsbury, 6:30 p.m.  
Zone 2: Madison at Milford, 5:45p.m.  
Zone 3: Windsor Locks/Windsor at Northeast, 5:45p.m.; EHM at Enfield, 5:45 p.m.; Middletown at South Windsor, 6:30p.m.  
Zone 6: Norwich at Willimantic, 7p.m.

**CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE**  
**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
BLACK SOX AT ROCK CATS, LATE  
ANGELS AT AFTERSHOCK, LATE  
**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Dodgers at Rock Cats, 6p.m.

**GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE**  
**TUESDAY'S RESULT**  
PEOPLE'S AT EXPOS, LATE  
**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Expos at Cardinals, 6p.m.  
Graphics at Cardinals, 8p.m.  
Colts at Jets, 8p.m.

**PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE**  
**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
19u  
COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON AT SOUTHTON HITMEN, LATE  
ROCKY HILL AT NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC, LATE  
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN AT FARMINGTON, PPD.  
16u  
COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON AT NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON, LATE  
**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
16u: Ahern Whalen-Middletown at Nor'Easters-Newington, 5:45p.m.; Staf-ford Royals at West Hartford Thunder, 5:45p.m.  
14u: Farmington at Ahern Whalen-Mid-dletown, 6:30p.m.

LOCAL GOLF

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**  
CWGA Championship—Qualifier  
Par 72—5,575yards  
**Individuals:** 1. Mercedes Large, 81 (+9); 2. Leslie Li, 82; 3. Mim Schreck, 84; 4. Julie Paolino, 85; 5. Lisa Fern-Boros, 88; 7-6. Lisa Sencen and Donna Harris, 89; T-8. Priscilla Wargo and Cheryl Ziebkla, 90; 10. Michelle Murphy, 91; T-11. Joyce Curran and Jackie Cahill, 92; T-13. Jean Sennett and Carol Galbraith, 95; 15. Cindy Ahern, 97; 16. Pam Burt, 98; T-17. Beth Rodgers and Ann Newman, 100; T-19. Christine Bishop and Amie Mitchell, 102; 21. Eileen Stirling, 106; 22. Hollis Barry, 108;

23. Kristin Harkness, 109; 24. Kacey Constable, 111.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
CWGA Championship—First Round  
Championship Flight  
ELLIE LARGE DEF. PAM BURT, 5 AND 3  
CHERYL ZIEBKLA DEF. PRISCILLA WARGO, 4 AND 3  
JEAN SENNETT DEF. JULIE PAOLINO, 3 AND 1  
JOYCE CURRAN DEF. LISA FERN-BOROS, 19 HOLES  
LESLIE LI DEF. CINDY AHERN, 3 AND 1  
MICHELLE MURPHY DEF. DONNA HARRIS, 5 AND 3  
MIM SCHRECK DEF. CAROL GALBRAITH, 16 HOLES  
LINDA SENCEN DEF. JACKIE CAHILL, 1 UP  
[b]Founders' Cup/[b]  
ANN NEWMAN DEF. KACEY CONSTABLE, 3 AND 2  
AMIE MITCHELL DEF. EILEEN STIRLING, 3 AND 2  
BETH RODGERS DEF. KRISTIN HARKNESS, 1 UP  
HOLLIS BERRY DEF. CHRISTINE BISHOP, 3 AND 2

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Eastern				
Chicago	13	5	.722	—
Connecticut	13	6	.684	.5
Washington	12	9	.571	2.5
New York	8	10	.444	5
Atlanta	8	10	.444	5
Indiana	5	15	.250	9
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	14	4	.778	—
Seattle	11	7	.611	3
Dallas	9	10	.474	5.5
Phoenix	8	12	.400	7
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	7
Minnesota	5	14	.263	9.5

**MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS**  
PHOENIX 83, INDIANA 71  
LAS VEGAS 79, LOS ANGELES 73

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
ATLANTA AT WASHINGTON, LATE  
DALLAS AT MINNESOTA, LATE

**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Connecticut at Chicago, noon  
Indiana at Phoenix, 10p.m.  
Las Vegas at Seattle, 10p.m.

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast				
Somerset	44	25	.638	—
Hartford	43	26	.623	1
New Hampshire	31	38	.449	13
Portland	30	39	.435	14
Reading	29	40	.420	15
Binghamton	28	41	.406	16
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Akron	40	29	.580	—
Richmond	40	29	.580	—
Erie	39	30	.565	1
Altoona	33	36	.478	7
Harrisburg	30	39	.435	10
Bowie	27	42	.391	13

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
BINGHAMTON AT HARTFORD, LATE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT PORTLAND, LATE  
HARRISBURG AT ALTOONA, LATE  
AKRON AT ERIE, LATE  
RICHMOND AT BOWIE, LATE  
SOMERSET AT READING, LATE

**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
New Hampshire at Portland, 6p.m.  
Harrisburg at Altoona, 6p.m.  
Akron at Erie, 6p.m.  
Richmond at Bowie, 6:30p.m.  
Binghamton at Hartford, 7p.m.  
Somerset at Reading, 7p.m.





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We have been part of this tournament since it began in 1952, and we’re proud to continue its legacy of giving back. This year’s charitable contribution brings the total to more than \$25 million since we became title sponsor in 2007.

As far as the action on the course, it was another spectacular year. Congratulations to our 2022 Travelers Championship winner – Xander Schauffele – who outlasted another incredible player field.

It’s always an honor to host such a meaningful event, and it’s a privilege to do so in partnership with this community. Every year, you help us make history, and this year, we looked back at some of that as we remembered and celebrated Charlie Sifford, the tournament’s 1967 champion. Charlie became the first Black golfer to earn a PGA TOUR card in 1961, and he would have been 100 this year. Through the Charlie Sifford Centennial Celebration Golf Outing, we raised \$100,000 for a new college scholarship in Charlie’s name.

From all of us at Travelers, thank you for once again making the Travelers Championship both purpose driven and world class.

We’re already looking forward to 2023 and hosting the top PGA TOUR players and best golf competition in the world. We hope to see you all back at TPC River Highlands next June!

  
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